

INTERESTS OF ALL TO BE PROTECTED

See America League's Second Meeting Convened in Portland Today.

WILL PLAN CAMPAIGN

Delegates From Many States to Discuss Problem of Exploiting Scenic Beauties and Natural Wonders of Northwest.

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY'S CONFERENCE.

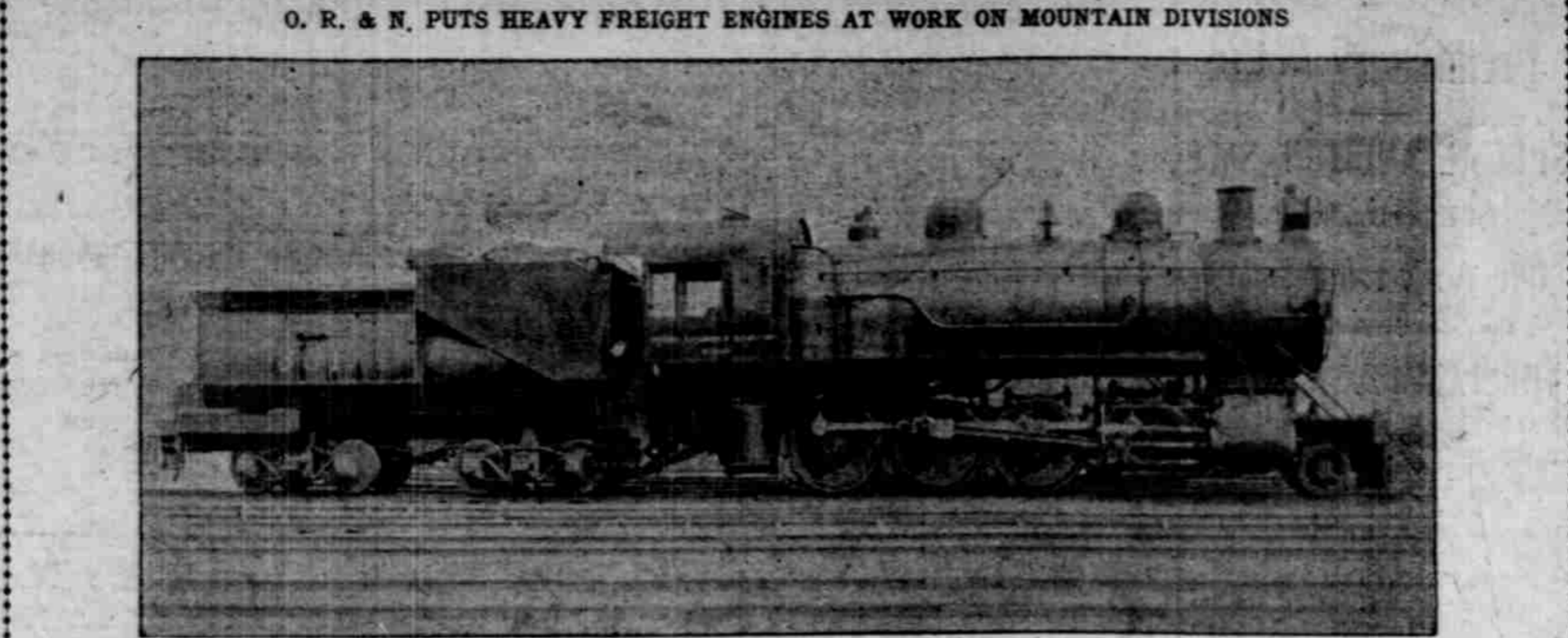
- The following is the complete programme of the meeting of the See America League which will be held in the parlors of the Portland Commercial Club this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and at 8 o'clock tonight. Welcome—Hon. George B. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon, on behalf of the state. Address—R. M. Calk, president of the Portland Commercial Club. Response—E. L. McCormick, president.

Though the conference of the See America League which will convene at the Commercial Club this afternoon, will be held in Portland, it will be in every respect a meeting of patriotic Americans gathered to further the interests of the Northwest as a whole, and not as a part of Portland, however, will have the honor of being the first city to hold a meeting of the convention at Salt Lake. These meetings are authorized by the National organization, and will be held in nearly every city of importance in the United States.

The purpose of the meeting is mainly to arouse enthusiasm over the great movement to induce the traveling Americans to see the national wonders of the Northwest. It is probable that some plan of campaign will be mapped out to be offered as a suggestion to the various commercial organizations in exploiting the scenic beauties and the natural wonders of the Northwest.

At the convention at Salt Lake, Portland was not given a member of the executive committee, and the Northwest falling to R. L. McCormick, of Tacoma, one of the "See Europe" if you will, but see America first, enthusiastic about the interest of the Northwest men who are working hard to aid the movement, and they determined to hold the first conference of the many that will be held in this city.

All those who are interested are invited to attend the conference at the Commercial Club this afternoon and tonight. There will be no delegates from the various cities, but the most prominent men in the Northwest will attend. Already guests and officers of the league have begun to arrive. R. L. McCormick, of Tacoma, who represents the Northwest in the executive committee, and who will preside over the two sessions of the conference, will arrive in Portland this morning.



TYPED OF NEW ENGINES, TEN OF WHICH ARRIVED AT LA GRANDE YESTERDAY.

Ten new heavy consolidation type freight engines for service on the mountain divisions of the O. R. & N. arrived at La Grande yesterday, where they will be coupled up and put to work. Ten similar locomotives are on the way from Philadelphia for service on the Oregon & California lines in Oregon. Five of these arrived at Huntington yesterday. Both groups of engines were built by the Baldwin Locomotive Company and are uniform in type with the heavy freight engines now operated on the Harriman roads in Oregon with the exception that the new engines are equipped with rectangular water-tanks on their tenders, while the locomotives now in service of the same pattern are provided with the Vanderbilt cylindrical tanks.

ORIGINATED BY FISHER HARRIS

Salt Lake Man Inaugurated "Seeing America First" Movement.

Fisher Harris, the great exponent of the See America First League, is in Portland shedding enthusiasm. Mr. Harris, who is secretary of the Salt Lake Commercial Club, is here to attend the conference which will be held at the Commercial Club today, and is en route to the East, where he will work in the interest of the league. He will first make a tour of the other cities of the Northwest, where conferences similar to the meeting in Portland will be held. Fisher Harris has always had a reputation of being an expert in the art of exploitation, but not until the convention of the See America League held in Salt Lake did he become a national character. His enthusiasm, his determination to instill in Americans a desire to see their own land, the clearness and comprehensiveness of his views on the subject, and the utter lack of selfish motives have attracted attention in all parts of the United States.

America's Great Wonders.

He knows that if the movement is a success Salt Lake will be greatly benefited, according to the attractions she has to offer tourists, but a pure, broad and commendable spirit of Americanism has prompted him to work so faithfully and zealously in the interests of the See America League. That he is sincere goes without question. He believes that America has more wonders to offer the tourist than foreign shores and that they could better enjoy themselves here in their own land than in Europe. He is not an extremist and does not advocate that the Americans should shun Europe as though it were beneath their consideration, but he thinks that all Americans should see their own beautiful country before they travel elsewhere. It is his pet hobby and everybody agrees with him that it is a good hobby to have.

Mr. Harris is full of the subject and if he alone would talk "See Europe" if you will, but see America first, and from time to time he arises in the morning until he retires at night. He talks in a cool, calculating way that is unusually convincing, and one cannot help but agree with him on the subject. Mr. Harris will spend considerable time in the East visiting the various cities. He will attend a meeting of the executive committee in one of the Eastern cities sometime in April. Then it will be decided where the national headquarters of the See America League are to be located. Minneapolis, Kansas City and other cities are making a strong fight to have the headquarters located there, but Washington, D. C., seems to have the best chances of any of them. When seen yesterday afternoon Mr. Harris spoke as follows: See America First. The movement which has for its motto "See Europe if you will, but see America first," and which has expressed into

FORM A HOP POOL

Oregon Growers to Ship Large Consignment to London.

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ACCEPT OFFER OF DURST

By Relieving Coast Market of Several Thousand Bales, Higher Prices Are Expected to Result.

Francis Feller was chosen chairman of the meeting and H. L. Bents secretary. Mr. Durst explained his proposition in detail. It was understood by all the growers, from the statements of Mr. Durst which were recently printed in this paper. Mr. Durst explained his plan. His idea of consigning a block of hops to London is to reduce the American supply of hops in this market to the same here; the consigned hops will bring the ruling London prices, while those left to profit by the shortage. No grower was to be hurt by the new crop coming on the market before the new crop comes on the market. He had every confidence in Mr. Durst's ability to handle the deal successfully and knew he would do so honestly. "Anything that can be done to combine the growers," he said, "will be for the growers' benefit."

LECTURES ON BABYLON

Dean Penniman on Researches Made by University of Pennsylvania.

Joshua H. Penniman, dean of the University of Pennsylvania, spoke before a representative audience at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, his subject being "Researches in Babylon." The lecture was under the auspices of the Ministerial Association of this city. Dr. Penniman is directly interested in the researches being carried on by his institution in the interests of historians and in his lecture told of the discoveries made by the party sent out under Herman V. Hilprecht. This party's excavations brought to light many antiquities in Babylon that are recorded in history, and thereby proved the veracity of ancient historians. The University of Pennsylvania has done more in the way of financing researches in the lands of biblical history than any other institution in the world during recent years. The ancient city of Nineveh, now known as Nippur, or Neufar, was the scene of its exploring expedition's labors, and many historical monuments and valuable tablets have been recovered.

The local members of the alumni of the University of Pennsylvania gave a banquet in honor of Dean Penniman last evening at the Commercial Club. It was attended by a large number of former Pennsylvanians students, among them the following: Dr. George Nottage, Dr. M. B. Marcellus, Bishop B. Wistler Morris, Rev. Robert Hays, Dr. J. A. Sainsbury, Missionary Dr. J. J. Fitzpatrick, Dr. William Boya, William J. Goselin, Henry R. Rodney, Jr.; Dr. Robert C. Yenney, Jr.; J. Marsh, Dr. Wylie G. Woodruff, A. F. Fetzell; also Dr. J. C. Whinnery, Vancouver, Wash. At the banquet it was decided to organize a University of Pennsylvania Alumni Society, and Dr. William Boya was chosen chairman and Dr. Robert Hays secretary-treasurer. The next meeting of the society will be held at the office of Dr. Boya on the first Monday in March. Football was another theme of discussion at the banquet, and the alumni of that institution take great pride in the fact that their alma mater is the only institution among the major colleges to stand out for the game as it is played aseptically. It is planned to have Dean Penniman deliver one or more lectures before he leaves Portland for his home on Saturday night. On his way East he will stop at Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and other points in the Pacific Northwest, where he will deliver lectures and incidentally renew his acquaintances with the alumni of his university at each city, which is a part of his mission in the West.

DELIGHTFUL NEWPORT

Delightful Weather at This Popular Pacific Coast Resort.

Delightful weather is particularly the weather at Newport, and the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern railroads have resumed their cheap rates to this place for the winter. Particulars as to asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

State Banking Law Approved.

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—To the Editor.

—We have been deeply interested in the matter of forming a banking law which will restrict the operations of private banks, requiring bank examiners, published reports of the condition of the bank, etc. The writer has had some experience as cashier and director of a country National bank and we are thoroughly of the opinion that for the protection of the depositor the Legislature of this

NEGOTIATIONS STILL ON

Alaska Steamship Committee and Roanoke's Manager Cannot Agree.

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Changes in Train Service.

Floyd Dailey's Life.

Beginning today the Great Northern will run a through tourist sleeper from Seattle to Chicago and it is announced the service will be permanent. When the Portland & Seattle is completed the service will be extended to Portland. In putting on these tourist sleepers, the plan is to get a share of the business that now goes to the Harriman lines. Commencing today also the Burlington will operate a double train service to the East instead of the single service heretofore maintained. The equipment for the new train will reach Portland today and will leave tonight at 11:45. This consists of a chair car, Pullman and tourist sleeper, which will run to Chicago, Omaha and St. Louis via Billings Junction.

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Eilers Piano House offers costly prizes in remarkable word contest. Prizes to be given those who send the largest list of correct words made from letters used in spelling the two words:

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Each of the contestants sending the next 20 largest lists of words will be given Credit Bills for \$5 less than the preceding prize, or \$25, and following this in groups of 20, each of the contestants sending in the next 20 largest lists of words will be given Credit Bills for \$5 less than the preceding prizes until the entire \$25,000 shall have been distributed. The fairness of this offer appeals at once to the public from the fact that instruments at Eilers Piano House are sold exclusively upon the uniform or "one-price" plan. All instruments being marked in plain figures, therefore all winners of Credit Bills are assured of the bona fide reduction to the amount of the Credit Bill on any new, high-grade piano which they may select.

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NO CATCH ABOUT IT

There are positively no strings to any of the prizes in this publicity contest. The instruments are now on display and will go to the winners without any expense whatsoever. Incidentally, we make up statistics of musical instrument owners in the Northwest, hence ask each contestant to state whether possessing a piano or organ and if so what make. Remember, any mature woman or child in the Northwest is entitled to submit a list of words. Nobody is barred. It will be well to study carefully the subjoined.

CONDITIONS

Only such words of the English language are to be used as are found in Webster's International Dictionary, to names of persons, of towns, or places, or plurals, are to be used. Do not use a letter more times than it appears in the two words "Eilers Pianos." Words spelled the same, but having different meanings, can be used but once. Make out your list of words in alphabetical order, giving the number it contains, sign your full name and address, and send it to Eilers Piano House, 351 Washington Street, marked "Word Contest Department"; also state whether you have a piano or organ and what make. Each and every list will be filed and examined carefully by competent judges. Immediately upon the contest, and winners will be announced through the papers a few days thereafter. Those who receive the Credit Bills can apply same on any new piano at the regular price, but cannot apply them on any purchase made prior to March 15, 1906. Easy payments will be granted to those wishing to be accommodated by applying their Credit Bill and paying the balance in small monthly payments. If you secure a Credit Bill and already have an instrument, you can transfer the same to another party who may wish to buy a piano by having the transfer made in our office, properly indorsed by our manager. Not more than one Credit Bill will be accepted on the same piano. All answers must be in our office not later than 5 o'clock, March 15. Send in your list at once. Lists will be filed according to time received, and in case of a tie as to the number of words the first one received will be judged the winner.

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FIRE VICTIM MAY DIE.

Physicians Give Up Hope of Saving Floyd Dailey's Life. Wants Evidence of Gas Infracts.

Floyd Dailey, one of the East Side fire victims, lies at St. Vincent's Hospital without hope of recovery. His condition, as reported, worsened last night and it is thought that he cannot live through the day. Physicians have given up trying to save his life. One unidentified boy still lies at the morgue with just a possibility that it will be identified. Miss T. M. Cusack believes the body to be that of her brother, John Cusack, who has not been heard from since the fire. A further search for Cusack will be made at St. Johns today. Even if Cusack is not found, doubt will still remain as to the identity of the almost charred corpse. The body of Mrs. Rebecca J. Cochran, who lost her life in the fire, will be sent to Hubbard, Or., today for burial. Her two grandsons will accompany the remains. Those having grievances, or are in a position to offer suggestions of an enlightening character, are requested to send the same at once to City Auditor Devlin, at the City Hall.

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