



PORTLAND MEN GREET NEIGHBORS

Hear Kind Words in Washington.

OLD CUSTOMERS ARE MET

Hearty Greetings at Each Stop Made by Special Train.

BANQUET AT CENTRALIA

Excursion Spends Night at South Bend—Merchants of Southwestern Washington Extend Cordial Welcome to Guests.

BY EDGAR B. PIPER.
CENTRALIA, Wash., May 10.—(Staff Correspondence.)—The Portland business men's excursion will rest tonight at South Bend, after an arduous but highly interesting day. The weather has not been all that could be desired, and the comment has been freely made that the Oregonians, as an evidence of their good will and friendly feeling toward their neighbors of Southern and Southwestern Washington, also brought their own rain with them.

But the citizens of every town along the route manifested their indifference to conditions by turning out in numbers at every station. All said that they were glad to see the business men of Portland, and obviously they meant it. They have close and intimate business relations with Portland. They know all about Portland and they were quite well informed as to the objects of the journey. Without exception they expressed a desire for more complete commercial relations and declared that they depended more particularly upon Portland than on any other Northwest city.

Merchants Extend Glad Hand.
The Oregon merchants took advantage of every stop to visit their respective customers and to extend the glad hand. Nearly every one of them had been over the ground in person heretofore, many of them as commercial travelers. The only complaint that any one had to offer was that they had had no opportunity heretofore of seeing their visitors en masse.

The results of the day in cementing the relations of the Washington cities with Portland have been in the highest degree satisfactory. They are a good omen of the success of the excursion during the succeeding four days.

Vancouver Ready to Annex Portland

The train left Portland on time at 8:45 o'clock this morning. The first run over the new Willamette and Columbia River bridges of the North Bank Railroad was to Vancouver, where a general committee of the Commercial Club, composed of President Crawford, State Senator Kaestham, J. H. Edwell, Editor Beard and others were waiting in automobiles. A rapid run was made through the beautiful grounds of the military post and on to the State School for the Deaf. A brief inspection of the plant was made, and then the party returned to the comfortable home of the Commercial Club. Here a few felicitous remarks of welcome were made by President Crawford, and were appropriately responded to by H. C. Campbell. The general spirit of the remarks of both speakers was that the relations of the two towns could hardly be made more cordial and lasting, except by annexation or consolidation, and Vancouver, it was said, was ready at any time to move the Columbia River around to the north in order to take in Portland as a part of its municipality.

Glarkie Gets Attention

The next run was to Ridgefield. Through a misunderstanding there was no large delegation at the station, but W. B. Glarkie, who had been designated to be speaker at this point, nevertheless delivered some very eloquent and telling remarks to the assembled populace, which consisted of one surprised and pleased citizen.

At Woodland there was a stop of a few minutes, and there was a general outpouring of residents, headed by J. W. Strong, who has lived at Woodland, where he was born, for 57 years. Mr. Strong, who knows about such things, was quite positive in the opinion that there will be no June flood of the Columbia, which ought to relieve some of the worry over that possibility felt by a few citizens in Portland.

At Kalama a very lively band and more citizens turned out. At Kelso there was a formal reception by a committee composed of State Senator Stewart, Lawyer Hubbell, Mr. Harris and others. In the absence of the Mayor, Mr. Hubbell made a very pleasing address of welcome, which was responded to in spirited style by Tom Richardson.

Sopannah Extends Welcome

At Castle Rock there was an interesting stay of 15 minutes and at Sopannah members of the City Council, the City Marshal and others came out to bid Portland a word of welcome. Among other interesting things about Sopannah it was discovered that the town is entirely out of debt and has a good many hundred dollars in its public treasury, which made it clear that Sopannah has a most self-governing body of public servants.

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STATIC ELECTRICITY GATHERED IN AIR BURSTS BAG.

Circuit Formed When Car Nears Ground and Arc Ignites Contents of Sphere.

OMAHA, Neb., May 10.—Army balloon No. 12, which ascended from Fort Omaha shortly after 11 o'clock today, landed at Jackson, Neb., at 5:45 o'clock this evening. In making a landing the gas bag exploded a few feet above the ground and was destroyed, but neither Captain Chandler nor Lieutenant Ware, who made the flight, was seriously injured.

Captain Chandler believes that at a high altitude the gas bag became charged with static electricity and that contact with the earth produced an electric spark which set fire to the big bag.

The ascension was made from Fort Omaha at 11:25 today. The highest altitude reached was 4000 feet. A breeze carried the bag at a 30-mile gait the first hour. Running out of ballast at Jackson, Captain Chandler decided to make a landing. The balloon came down in an easy manner and then followed the explosion.

The distance traveled was about 210 miles. The maximum speed was about 50 miles.

ROBNETT WINS ON APPEAL

Idaho Land Locator Held to Be Innocent of Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—Although Clarence W. Robnett was convicted of subornation of perjury by the District Court of Idaho, Judge Ross, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, held today that Robnett had committed no offense against the Government and, reversing judgment, directed the lower court to dismiss the indictment.

The charge against Robnett was that he had suborned George R. Robinson to swear falsely to an affidavit in Lewiston, Idaho, to the effect that he had examined personally some land which he wished to purchase under the timber act.

Judge Ross held that a personal examination of the land was not necessary under a ruling of the Supreme Court, hence the indictment charged no crime against the plaintiff in error.

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Insists Probe Extend to Land Office.

CALLS FOR SECRET SERVICE

Both Men Prepare for State-wide Political Fight.

PATRONAGE AGAINST HAY

Washington Officials Have Habit of Disloyalty to Men Who Give Them Places—Struggle Began During Term of Legislature.

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When Hay first arrived here they were friends, but there soon came clashes. Each possesses strong personality. Neither will yield to occupy a secondary position. For the good of the party, and for the good of both officials, their best friends have been endeavoring to have them work in harmony.

Today, however, Hay signed a declaration of war when his friends announced they would ask the next Legislature for an appropriation for a secret service corps to work under the Governor's direction. This would not have been objected to particularly but from the fact it was coupled with the assertion that a joker slipped by Hay's friends into the appropriation bill of last session to make such an appropriation had been killed by Ross.

In the fight to come each has some advantages. Ross has had the wider experience, possesses a broader knowledge of politics and men and has friends so widely scattered in the state as to readily form the nucleus of a vigorous organization. Ross, however, has been in politics many years and has lots of political and official enemies.

Hay has the advantage of wealth, and has not been in public life long enough to have acquired a host of enemies. Hay has more patronage than ever before possessed by an executive of this state, especially with a possibility of having his appointees as Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioner and Auditor. He has another advantage, in that control of Ross' own office is to a great extent exercised by the State Land Board of five, which consists of Ross with one vote and four appointees of the Governor with a vote each.

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