

HOODLUM MEETING PROVES SUCCESS

Portland Favors Development of Southwest Washington.

CITIES WORK TOGETHER

Local Commercial Club's Slogan of "All the Coast for All the Coast" Is Keenote of Harmonious Gathering.

Highly encouraged over the prospects for future pleasant commercial relations with their neighbors of Southwest Washington, and well pleased with entertainment provided them during their stay in Hoquiam, 36 members of the Portland Commercial Club returned yesterday afternoon from the second annual convention of the Southwest Washington Development Association held at Hoquiam Friday and Saturday.

The interchange of experiences given by the visitors from Seattle and Tacoma, as well as those from Portland, they declare, will be of great use in further developing the important and rapidly growing region represented at the meeting.

While the convention was largely devoted to social affairs, the commercial phases were not neglected, and some of the addresses delivered called particular attention to the needs of the district.

More than ever do the Portland business men feel the truth of the words spoken by C. C. Chapman, manager of the promotion bureau of the Commercial Club, before the party left this city on Friday, that Portland is in a large measure responsible for the future development of Southwest Washington—more so, in fact, than either Tacoma or Seattle.

Rivalry Is Noticeable.

For many years this section has been the scene of a spirited commercial rivalry that has called into play all the highly developed business tactics possessed by the interests of the three cities, in spite of the fact that the majority of Southwest Washington had a prejudice in favor of spending their money in their own state, Portland has received more than its share of the trade in that locality.

With the Commercial Club's newly pronounced slogan, "All the Coast for All the Coast," governing the motives of the business men of all the cities represented at the meeting this trade will in the future be distributed wherever judicious buying dictates, regardless of state.

These are some of the results obtained at the convention, which was one of the most successful of the kind ever held in the Pacific Northwest, say those who have attended many in the past.

The visitors from all points were right royally entertained by the people of Hoquiam, the banquet at the Grayport Hotel being a brilliant function and one of special elaboration and splendor, say the returning Portland men. A number from this city delivered addresses at the banquet, and all returned with the hearty support of this city in further developing the resources of Southwest Washington, at the same time urging united effort and close cooperation on the part of the three large cities—Seattle, Tacoma and Portland—with the smaller ones in carrying on the work.

More Farmers Needed.

One of the principal things brought to the attention of the visitors was the urgent need of more farmers. The agriculture of the coast is suffering at a rate much out of proportion to the agricultural districts. Thousands of acres of available land are not receiving the attention they require, and the more congested centers from which the larger cities must hope to receive their future support.

It is believed that the Portland Commercial Club will devote much time and attention during the next few years to the detail of securing settlers for these tracts of agricultural land.

The club has already arranged to present Southwest Washington facts and figures, together with pictures of scenes in the district, through the Eastern states in the future. This policy may be extended so that special literature will be prepared for this section.

DEMON RUM RETALIATES

North End Temperance Preacher Almost Overcome by Fumes.

"Oh, the terrible ravages of the demon rum, my brethren," said the street preacher, "how many times it has dragged to ruin; how many homes have been broken by its influence; how many are here tonight because of its influence."

"You bet your life, parson," said Peter Slattery, bibulous and full of mischief; "the demon rum has done more to ruin than any other thing in the world. As he spoke he thrust under the nose of the speaker a flask of North End 'panther blood'—the kind that is made at noon and sold at 1 o'clock the same day.

TRANSFERS DATED IN RED

Street Railway Amends System to Prevent Disputes.

Every transfer you receive from a streetcar conductor today will bear a large red figure "X" upon it. This indicates that it is August 8, the month being punched in the margin by the conductor as well as the time of day, and the line to which you wish to transfer. This change in the transfers issued by the streetcar company is the result of contests between conductors and passengers as to the correctness of the punched date.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. W. Wilson, of Lake View, is at the Lenox.

A. G. Henry, of Eugene, is registered at the Perkins.

H. T. Fraser and wife, of Hermiston, are at the Imperial.

E. C. Heckman, of Seattle, spent yesterday at the Oregon.

Grant Geddes, of Baker City, was among the arrivals at the Imperial yesterday afternoon.

T. A. Decker, of Hood River, arrived at the Oregon yesterday.

John Humphrey, of Salem, is registered at the Cornelia.

Paul F. Carroll, of Baker City, arrived at the Cornelia yesterday.

J. W. Lyson, of Tacoma, is here on business, and is staying at the Lenox.

George H. Shing, a well-known resident of the St. Helens district, is registered at the Ramapo.

H. Crosby and J. Henry, of Eugene, spent Sunday in the city, being registered at the Cornelia.

Charles Ohmart, of Lincoln, Ill., who is on a tour of the Pacific Northwest, spent yesterday at the Lenox.

H. D. Newell and Mrs. Newell, well-known residents of Hermiston, are visiting friends here and are staying at the Imperial.

J. P. Chamber arrived here yesterday from The Dalles and went to the Perkins, where he will remain during his stay in the city.

George W. Kummer, a well-known contractor of Seattle, who has recently undertaken some work in Portland, is staying at the Perkins.

Judge C. E. Kindt, of Washington County, Republican assembly leader at Hillsboro, is in the city and predicts a sweeping victory for assembly candidates in his county.

James M. Kyle, of Stanfield, who has just returned from an extensive visit to Hillsboro, is staying at the Imperial for a few days prior to his return to his home.

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