

LEGISLATORS WILL ATTEND MEETING

Solons Invited to Southwestern Washington Development Convention.

VANCOUVER IS PREPARING

Feature of Association Gathering to Be Demonstration of Clearing Burned - Over Lands. Programme Complete.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Vancouver's welcome to the 300 delegates and visitors of the Southwestern Washington Development Association convention, the session of which begins tomorrow and will continue for three days, will be hearty and enthusiastic. The freedom of the city will be extended to them and good-fellowship will be the keynote. A large key, symbolizing this freedom, has been made and will be presented by the Mayor of Vancouver to President (Gingrich) of the association, with proper ceremony.

The delegates will begin to arrive tomorrow morning. As the hotel accommodations will be taxed to the limit, a list of 50 rooms has been secured in private homes, and besides this many of the visitors will be entertained by friends.

Legislature Invited to Banquet. The entire Legislature has been invited to visit Vancouver and attend the banquet to be held at Columbia hall, Friday evening. It is expected that not less than 40 members will be present, arriving on a special train from Olympia at about 7 P. M. Saturday morning. The Legislature will be invited to visit the State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, that they may know better the requirements of these institutions. A bill providing for an appropriation from the Legislature to build a building for the school for the Blind is to be introduced. The present building is wholly inadequate, and can accommodate but 20 pupils, while there are 25 more on the waiting list that need to enter the school as the appropriation for its maintenance has been exhausted.

One of the interesting features of the convention of the Southwestern Washington Development Association will be the demonstration of Professor H. W. Sparks in the charring of stumps, these clearing the land for settlers as they may farm it and make the soil productive. A field of stumps at Thirteenth and Franklin streets has been selected and a number of big stumps were lighted by the char pit method last Saturday. By Thursday afternoon they will be in fine condition to show to the delegates and those interested in the workings of this method.

Corporations to Be Organized.

In connection with this will be the organization of a corporation with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, with which to handle the thousands of acres of jagged-off lands in Southwestern Washington. By controlling the lands and burning off the stumps cheaply by the char pit method, the lands can be sold at a low price to the Eastern home seekers, who are being attracted to this section of the West by judicious and vigorous advertising. The convention will have a session for the organizing of large tracts of land into smaller farms and thus make more room for the home-seekers, so much desired by this growing state.

J. E. Barnes, secretary of the Southwestern Washington Development Association, today was appointed by Governor Hay as representative from the State of Washington to the Northwesters Development Association, comprising Nebraska, Montana, Colorado, Utah, California, Idaho, Iowa and Nevada. Governor James Brady, of Idaho, is president of the association, which is organized along lines similar to that of the Southwestern Washington Development Association, and for a similar purpose, but on a gigantic scale. Mr. Barnes accepted the appointment.

Programme is Interesting.

J. H. Elwell, for the Vancouver Commercial Club, will deliver an address of welcome. The Mayor will welcome the delegates for the city. P. C. Ward, of Goldendale, will make the response and N. H. Coffman, of Astoria, will read the address "The Work at Hand," followed by a general discussion. Music throughout the evening will be furnished by the orchestra from the First Infantry band, of Vancouver Barracks.

On Thursday, in the Grand Theater, President Gingrich will call the meeting to order and Secretary Barnes will make his first annual report. Officers will be elected, committees will be appointed and routine business will take the time until 11 o'clock, when all will witness the guard mount and dress parade of the troops at the barracks, under Colonel George K. McGinnis, commanding officer.

The newspapermen's session will be held in the afternoon, when many editors and writers in this section will speak and read papers, beginning with Albert Johnson. Among those to speak will be Dan Bush, of the Chehalis Review; W. A. Rupp, of the Aberdeen World; and short talks by 29 others.

A. C. Little, of Raymond, will talk in the evening on "How to Get the Man on the Land."

The "Good Roads" session will be held Friday morning with addresses by Samuel Hill and A. W. Perley, State Railroad Commissioner, and H. H. Thomson, City Engineer of Seattle. In the afternoon the commercial organizations of Tacoma, Seattle, Albany, Or., Portland, and several others, will have representatives speak.

A banquet to the visitors will be held in Columbia Hall in the evening under the auspices of the Vancouver Commercial Club, when many speeches will be made. A banquet is also to be given Friday evening by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

HANDSOME BOOKLET OUT

Portland Y. M. C. A. Publication Tells of Its Work.

By far the most handsome and complete catalogue ever issued by the Portland Young Men's Christian Association was published yesterday and will be distributed among the friends and supporters of the institution. Every department is described in detail and much is said of the practical results that are being attained.

ANGRY SEAS WASH TOWN OF MOCLIPS

Schoolhouse, Hotel, Cottages and Even Lots Swept Away When Wall Breaks.

BELL RINGS OUT REQUIEM

Little Burg on Washington Coast Meets \$40,000 Loss—Populace Fights Vainly to Save Property From Fury of Storm.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Moclips is today at the mercy of the ocean, after six weeks of winter storms, which have pounded in from the sea since after another, culminating Sunday night in one of the heaviest gales ever known along the coast.

That night was one of terror for the people of this little city by the sea and the next morning found them worn and tired but fighting bravely to save their possessions, while all about them was the roar of an angry sea and the crash of falling timbers, while the school bell tolled dimly as the building rocked and swayed and pitched into the ocean. The schoolhouse burst with the bell still ringing, and 10 minutes later was dashed by a monster 40-foot wave, crashed against the piling and smashed like a house of cards.

The Moclips Beach Hotel was at noon today one-third gone, with a large part of the south wing dangling over the water and ready to fall at the next high tide. The entire hotel, according to Dr. Edward Lyan, the owner, is doomed.

Windows and doors have been taken from a large part of the building, and the remaining part of the structure stands hollow and wrecked, looking like the deserted castle of some feudal chief in the Scottish Highlands.

BRIDGE WORK TO BEGIN

GANGS WILL START TODAY ON BROADWAY STRUCTURE.

First Caisson Will Be Sunk at Albers Dock No. 2—Irrving Dock Site Leased by Company.

Obstructionists of the Broadway bridge will have nothing to gloat over today, for by daylight a crew from the Union Bridge & Construction Company's headquarters will be engaged in tearing out piling in front of Albers docks No. 2, recently condemned by the city, preparatory to clearing away a place for the caisson, while on the rear of the dock the company will have a force to construct a pier.

CONDEMNATION IS URGED

RICHARDSON POINTS WAY FOR BUYING PARK BLOCKS.

City Could Hold 15 Years, He Says, and by Then Rents Would Pay for Ground and Buildings.

To carry out the scheme of Architect E. H. Bennett for a "City Beautiful," Tom Richardson proposes that the Park blocks which are now built up with business buildings be condemned and purchased by the city.

PAY INCREASE GRANTED

Mayor Announces Higher Salaries in Water Department.

Mayor Simon announced a general increase in the pay of employees of the water department and the City of Portland Water Board yesterday afternoon, when verbal application was made by a representative of the men in the labor branch.

SLAYER PROTECTS WOMAN

Denver Man Says He Went to Cafe Not to Rob but to Meet Affinity.

DENVER, Feb. 14.—Louis Wechter, who fatally wounded W. Clifford Burrows Saturday night in the White House cafe and was then disarmed by two women and held for the police, pleaded not guilty today to the charge of murder when arraigned in the criminal court. On a plea of poverty, the court appointed an attorney to defend Wechter and the case was set for March 8.

BIG FRUIT TRACT BOUGHT

Orchard Aggregating 1500 Acres to Be Planted in Klickitat.

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Morris Bros., of Portland, were the successful bidders for the \$75,000 5 per cent school bonds to be issued by the Ashland school district. Morris Bros. agreed to pay a premium of \$1650 with accrued interest to date of delivery. The bonds have been issued for the purpose of erecting a new high school building. Contracts will be called for at an early date.

SEA WALL BREAKS TO PIECES

For a week Dr. Lyan and the citizens had labored with night and main to stop the break in the seawall. Nearly 20,000 feet of heavy timbers were driven ten feet into the sea by hydraulic pressure. Still the wall would not hold and when the final break came these very timbers acted as battering rams and came pouring in every wave to do further destruction.

To say that Moclips has been destroyed, or half destroyed, or nearly wiped out is wrong. It is true, it is fearful, the scene awe-inspiring and fearful.

The property loss in Moclips in the past few days is estimated at \$200,000, and will reach the \$30,000 mark before the sea has finished its work.

EARL GEER IS MURDERED

Body of Oregon Man Found Mutilated in Philippines.

According to advices received in Portland yesterday, Earl Geer, a son of J. P. Geer, an ex-member of the Oregon Legislature, who now lives in Seattle, was murdered at Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

YOUR VALENTINE.

Your valentine not half so funny and interesting as cartoons being drawn daily by the Nyes in Kehler & Chase windows.

SLOOP ADRIFT; FOUR PERISH

Boat Bottom Up Caught in Furious Storm of Sunday.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—The power sloop W-1523, which is the number of the fishing license issued to her by the State of Washington, was found today bottom up in Admiralty Inlet, on the west coast of Whidby Island, and the four persons who were in the sloop when it was struck by last Sunday's furious storm must have perished.

MAJOR KENNEDY TO RUN

Man Appointed in Taxwell's Place Will Seek Election.

THE WRETCHEDNESS OF CONSTIPATION

CAN QUICKLY BE OVERCOME BY CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

BANKRUPTCY SALE

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