

NO RAIN IS BANE OF THREE COUNTIES

Sherman-Morrow-Gilliam Development League Told How to Combat Problems.

HELP TO FARMERS IS AIM

Various Methods of Meeting Drought Situation Are Discussed at Arlington—Advice of Portland Men Heeded.

ARLINGTON, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Officers elected today by the Tri-County Development League were: President, George B. Dukak, Mayville; vice-presidents, C. E. Woodson, Heppner; L. B. Barnum, Moro; secretary, H. F. Shanks, Arlington; treasurer, Clyde Brock, Heppner; directors from Gilliam County, W. S. Wade, Olex; W. A. Campbell, Condon; directors from Morrow County, W. T. Campbell, J. T. Knochenburg; directors from Sherman County, L. W. Baker, Grass Valley; E. D. McKee, Wasco.

Two serious problems confront the delegates today in their annual meeting of the Tri-County Development League, which has for its purpose the advancement of the agricultural interests of Sherman, Morrow and Gilliam counties and in which 250 members of the Portland Commercial Club, who arrived here this afternoon, are taking an active interest. They are lack of precipitation and the absent landlord. In reality the entire situation resolves itself into but one great question—how to combat a condition of nature that provides only from five to seven inches of rainfall a year.

Crop Certainly Needed. It was pointed out by W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, and other speakers that when farmers are able to raise good crops with a reasonable degree of certainty, the big farms will be broken up and the country will be peopled.

We do not waste our efforts to bring more people to these farms immediately, said Mr. Kerr. "We first want to help the people now on the farms. If we can make their farms successful, the others will soon be occupied by successful owners." There seems to be a diversity of opinion as to the best methods of meeting the drought situation. Some believe that irrigation will meet it, others insist that a great many declare that a system of crop rotations and diversified farming will solve the problem without additional moisture.

Diversified Farming Liked. Diversified farming is one topic that seems to have the approval of most of the people here. For a good many years the farmers raised little else than wheat. Influenced by the agricultural colleges and the railroad demonstration trains and the practical advice of the Commercial Club representatives, a number of farmers hereabouts have taken up diversified farming, dairying, alfalfa and crop rotations. These new are pointed to as the most successful farmers. They are the ones who are paying off the mortgages on their places, a few roads to town this morning in automobiles. Some of the others are beginning to see the light. Grasping corporations that have their home offices in Portland, in New York or in London no doubt would have felt quite uncomfortable had they attended the meeting here tonight and heard various speakers denounce their high interest charges and their lack of interest in these communities in which they have acquired immense land holdings.

Absent Owners Many. L. B. Barnum, of Moro, presented an interesting report of the way the deserted land in Sherman County is divided. His district contains three or four two-acre parcels owned by absentee farmers, three acres are owned by absentee landlords. Much of this is in large tracts, and the absentee owners are the feature of the entire situation, he said, is that fully two-thirds of the taxes are paid by residents of Sherman County.

C. A. Buckley, State Representative, of Grass Valley, talked along the same lines. The question of artisan wells was discussed at the meeting this evening by W. R. Baker, of Blalocks, a pioneer farmer and philosopher. He aroused considerable interest in his topic and will continue his presentation at future sessions of the league.

The fact that Government engineers have twice reported favorably upon the job they are doing on the project was referred to repeatedly by the speakers. For a time the meeting threatened to resolve itself into a contest between a dozen towns who are vying for the honor of holding the Tri-County Fair in 1912. Arlington and Condon have hopefully divided the Gilliam County fair, but Heppner wants it and has the solid support of Morrow County. Both Moro and Wasco are after it and several other places are respective candidates.

Question Left to Committee. Upon advice of the Portland delegation, the convention did not take a stand on this question. It was left to a committee.

Although the delegates started to gather early this morning, the convention did not get down to business until after the arrival of the Portland train this afternoon. The electing officers and the principal speaking did not take place until tonight.

A temporary organization was perfected at the afternoon session by the election of C. C. Clark, of Arlington, as chairman, and of Curtis E. Johnson, of Moro, as secretary. C. C. Chapman, of Portland, addressed the meeting, building J. N. Trol, who initiated the movement to solve the agricultural problems of these three counties and who collected the fund that will be divided among the farmers in prizes. A telegram from Mr. Trol, who is in Washington, was read.

Committees Are Named. Committees on permanent organization were named as follows: Gilliam County—J. E. Burdette, Arlington; Edward Dunn, Condon; W. S. Wade, Olex; A. Grenier, Condon; W. A. Campbell, Condon; D. F. Bunch, Blalocks; B. Montague, Eight Mile; E. M. Shutt, Heppner; W. T. Campbell, Lexington; S. E. Nelson, Heppner; E. G. Noble, Heppner; E. C. Maddock, Heppner; J. E. Cooman, Lexington; W. C. McNabb, Moro.

Sherman County—W. H. Ragdale, Moro; L. Barnum, Moro; C. A. Buckley, Grass Valley; H. M. Shutt, Kent; R. C. Atwood, Wasco; O. J. Gaffin, Wasco; E. D. McKee, Wasco. Sherman County named the same set of delegates on the resolutions com-

mittee, the other members of which are: Gilliam County—H. F. Shanks, Arlington; J. T. Wood, Condon; James McKinstry, Arlington; H. H. Stephenson, Condon; J. N. E. Weatherford, Olex; George Dukak, Condon; W. A. Thielsen, Condon. Morrow County—C. E. Woodson, Heppner; W. G. Scott, Lexington; W. E. Leach, Lexington; Vawter Crawford, Heppner; J. W. L. Kaufman, Moro; J. A. Waters, Moro; J. T. Knochenburg, Moro.

Portland Men Talk. The early part of the evening was devoted to addresses, the speaking schedule being as follows: James Withycombe, of the Agricultural College; D. O. Lively, of Portland; C. H. Williams, of Condon; H. Leo Paget, of Portland; S. C. Kilburn, of Heppner, and W. R. Baker, of Blalocks.

W. L. Kaufman entertained the large audience with clever humorous selections while the committees were out. Resolutions requesting the Federal Government to send a greater part of the reclamation fund in this state; thanking the people of Oregon for their interest in the league and congratulating the people of Bend upon the inauguration of train service there, were adopted.

It is probable that the meeting will be concluded tomorrow. The Portland delegation will spend the hours at The Dalles tomorrow afternoon.

FARMERS' SPECIAL IN TIME Demonstration Train Specialists at Tri-County Convention.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

ARLINGTON, Or., Oct. 31.—(Special.)—The demonstration train arrived here at 5 o'clock this evening after a day of unusual interest and tonight the members of the party are coalescing with the hundreds of delegates who

are here attending the Tri-County meeting.

The train left Heppner last night at 7:30 o'clock and arrived at Condon in the early morning hours. We were astir in Condon at 8 o'clock and by 9 o'clock several hundred persons around the cars and three or four lectures were going on at the same time. To say that the interest of the audience was keen would be to draw it mildly for every word of the speakers was listened to intently and as on former occasions, as detailed in former dispatches, question after question was put to the speakers, many of which had already been asked through the card system as inaugurated by Traffic Manager Miller.

No doubt the people of this entire section are up against a hard proposition. For three years their hopes of a good crop have been dashed. For those three years the precipitation has been less than 19 inches, in some adjacent sections only 7 inches and under such conditions a crop failure is inevitable. But these Gilliam County farmers are men of stout hearts, brave minds and indomitable courage. They are not down, they are always up and doing and just now the crops for next year are sky high, for there has been a lot of fine moisture and the wheat and corn are coming in well. Dr. Withycombe and his associates to point the way for them to do better farming, to diversify their crops, to give them a crop of reason just as they over the lean years. No one ever saw an audience more interested, more eager to learn, never saw ears more quick to catch a word than those that would point the way to arrest failure in the future.

The little town of Condon was abuzz with enthusiasm and yet something like 100 of the best citizens left on the early train for Arlington to attend the Tri-County meeting. It can truly be said that the people of this section are short and departure caused deep regrets on both sides.

From Condon we came down to Clem, 10 miles, where we arrived at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. To repeat the story of the Clem audiences would be to retell the tale of another stop, save that there was less number of listeners and that the speakers were expected, for the country is sparsely settled thereabouts, but the interest was just as keen, the questions just as fresh. From Clem, we came to Arlington. The party will attend the meeting here tonight in a body and leave at 8 A. M. tomorrow, and during the day will take in that town and Moro and Wasco.

McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N., joins us here for the remainder of the trip, also D. L. Lively. As the latter is on first hand a raconteur, the rest of the trip promises to be considerably lively.

COAL DEALERS COMBINE Chicago Merger Ends Long Warfare Among Retailers.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—(Special.)—Consolidation of the City Fuel Company and Lill-Robinson Coal Company, forming the largest corporation for the retailing coal business in existence, was perfected today at a meeting of the officers of two concerns. The merger, which virtually means the end of so-called independents in the Chicago coal business, is the finale of a bitter warfare which has been waged among the coal companies for the last four years. The new corporation will be known as the City Fuel Company of Illinois. The concern will have a total capital stock of \$4,000,000, half of which is preferred and half common.

The consolidation was effected solely for the purpose of economizing in deliveries," said Fred W. Upham, one of its officers.

New location, Pettis, Grossmayer & Co., Third floor, Wilcox bldg.

PORTLAND TO FRONT

October Records Show Big Gain in All Lines.

CITY RANKS AMONG BEST

Representative in Congress From New York Says None Exceed Metropolis This Side of Chicago. 1910 Is Already Excelled.

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last year, being in excess of 1,000,000 bushels. There was a substantial gain in postal receipts. It was estimated last night that the increase would be about 2 1/2 per cent. The receipts for the month amounted to \$28,000 (estimated) compared with \$22,000 for the same month last year.

The realty situation during October, on the whole, was satisfactory and more deals were made both in inside property and residences and building sites than in October, 1910. The number of transfers filed for record was 1626 and the value of property sold was \$1,697,660, compared with 1492

PORTLAND'S CEREAL EXPORTS FOR FOUR MONTHS OF 1911-1912 SEASON.

Table with columns: Month, Wheat (bushels), Flour (bushels), Value. Rows for July, August, September, October.

transfers and a total valuation of \$1,700,000 in October last year. There was heavier trading also in farm lands and acreage.

Livestock Market Brisk. Trading at the Portland Union Stockyards in the past month kept well above the business of October last year. The total receipts in October, 1911, were 44,274 head as compared with 40,847 over the arrivals in October, 1910. The gain was due to the big movement of sheep to market, the total run of 23,113 head in the past month being more than double that of October last year. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 415,233 head of stock of all kinds have been handled at the yards, and it is now almost certain that a round half million head will be the record for the entire year.

The receipts in October of this and last year, and the total receipts of 1911 to date, follow:

Table with columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Poultry, Total. Rows for October 1911, October 1910, Year to date.

LEON GOLDENBERG RESTS

Prominent Lodgeman and Pioneer, 59, Lived Here 29 Years.

Leon Goldenberg, who died Saturday at the family home at 311 Kelly street, was 59 years old and a native of St. Petersburg, Russia. He came to New York City when 23 years of age and removed to Oregon, via the isthmus of Panama, shortly after. He made his home in Oregon for 21 years. With the exception of two years of farming life in Sams Valley, he passed the remaining years in Portland.

Mr. Goldenberg is survived by his widow, Frada Goldenberg, and four children—Gustave C. Goldenberg, Samuel Goldenberg, Frederick Goldenberg and Mrs. Elizabeth D. Gross—all of Portland.

Mr. Goldenberg was a charter member of Camp Woodport, No. 43, Woodmen of the World, of which he was a manager for many years. He was also a member of Court Mount Hood, No. 1, Foresters of America. In that order he held the office of treasurer and grand treasurer of the state for 29 years.

The funeral was held from Holman's Chapel under the auspices of the Foresters of America, and the Woodmen of the World, at the latter at Beth Israel Cemetery, Rabbi Abrahamson officiating.

DROWNING CAUSE OF SUIT

Swimming Instructor Did Not Want to Wet His Clothes, Is Charge.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 31.—Trial of the \$10,000 damage suit against the Washington Hotel & Improvement Company, brought by Frank Moore, whose daughter, Pearl Moore, was drowned March 28 last in a bathtub owned by the company, was begun today.

The plaintiff alleges that Henry E. Moran, who was in charge of the pool, feared to jump into the water to save the girl, because he had his street clothes on. Moran, who was for years swimming instructor at Harvard and who swam Hell Gate, Boston, September 5, 1895, with hands and feet tied, is represented by counsel.

Hearing has appeared on the Labrador coast in great abundance this season and are fat and large, but unfortunately the Sabroons are without salt or spices, and consequently much profit has been missed.

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FAIR PLAY REQUESTED

EILERS MUSIC-HOUSE SEEKS FOR BOYCOTT'S REMOVAL. Lessee and Tenants of Maegly-Tichner Building See Unfairness in Union's Position.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 30.—(To the Editor.)—It is indeed unfortunate that although, as we understand it, three months have now elapsed since the boycott on two certain buildings was declared, that no way as yet has been found whereby those responsible for the attempted perpetration of the injustice can or will recede from their position.

Our concern, being one of the tenants, innocently affected by this unfortunate controversy, has tried patiently to hold aloof from dragging this matter into public discussion, feeling that as soon as the true condition of affairs became known speedy remedy would be made by those in charge of this attempted boycott.

In a signed communication, published in the Oregonian October 27, O. R. Hartwig, chairman of the boycott committee of the Portland Building Trades Council, says: "As soon as it was rumored that this unfair remedy would be made by those in charge of this attempted boycott, we have repeatedly asked those in charge of this boycott that they make careful investigation, when they would surely find that neither Mr. Maegly nor Mr. Tichner were ever called upon, as above stated, either before the contract was let, or, as we now find at any time since the contract was let, or since the building was completed."

In another part of the communication, Mr. Hartwig said: "Whenever informed that certain firms contemplated moving into these buildings, union representatives personally telephoned them that the fight was on. Therefore, a charge of the tenants of these buildings, that they were wantonly sacrificed, is absolutely without basis."

We have quietly endeavored to call the attention of the officials who are responsible for this boycott to the fact that the Oregonian has tried patiently to hold aloof from dragging this matter into public discussion, and probably a longer time, after Eilers Music House had taken a lease and executed obligations for the occupancy of the entire building, that union representatives called upon the managing director of Eilers Music House and outlined the situation. Then they were plainly told that the company, as tenants, were powerless to do anything and could not legally stay out of the premises and refuse to carry out the terms of the lease, unless, perchance, the contractors should fall to make delivery of the building on time or should fail to construct it in accordance with requirements, as

set forth in the contract. If the union men had been alert and had prevented either one thing or the other, Eilers Music House might not have occupied the premises, but as the premises were delivered even ahead of time, there was no alternative.

Now the contractors have their money and the landlords are bound to get their rents regularly, and while the contractors are the ones upon whom punishment, if any, should be visited, finding it impossible to reach them the attempt is made to harm the tenants or to least put him in the wrong light.

The assertion has been made by these boycotters that a tenant should insist that a building to be occupied by him should be built, or should have been built, by union labor. Consistent with this, at least 50 prominent Portland buildings which any one could name should be standing idle now, or if occupied by such "careless" tenants, all these buildings should be boycotted. It is a matter of record that the new Eilers Music building of Spokane was started almost a year later than the Maegly-Tichner building at Portland.

We are respectfully urging union men to insist upon the removal of the attempted boycott because of the obvious unfairness of it, which, as we have endeavored to show them, is sure to prove more harmful to the cause of unionism than it can possibly prove to any tenant. The leaders have repeatedly said that they feel it necessary to show results to the rank and file of union men in this undertaking. But when it can be plainly shown that the boycott was brought about because the situation was not fully understood, it would seem that no friend of unionism would permit the cause to be jeopardized by continuing in such an unfair proceeding, which no fair-minded man can conscientiously support.

We are still hopeful that the difficulty will be solved the coming week. EILERS MUSIC HOUSE. Per A. H. Eilers, Treasurer.

HARMON WINS VICTORY Missouri Democrats Say Primary Would Split Party "Wide Open."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 31.—"My defeat was a victory for Governor Harmon," declared E. Y. Mitchell, of Springfield, Mo., over whom Edward F. Goitra, of St. Louis, was today selected as the Missouri member of the Democratic National committee to succeed the late Colonel Moses Wetmore. Goitra received 15 of the 29 votes of the Democratic state committee, which made the selection. "Members of the state committee,"

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