

CALIFORNIA TERMED BEST HOST OF ALL

Lloyd W. McDowell Tells of Welcome to "Oregon First" Excursion Party.

GREAT CORDIALITY REIGNS

Newspapers of San Francisco Devote Pages to Visit of Oregonians and Reception is Most Enthusiastic.

"San Francisco's splendid greeting to the Oregon delegation, the biggest that this city's hospitality has ever paid Oregon's Governor and Commissioners by giving them part in the first actual work on the great exposition, the friendly manner in which San Francisco's great daily newspapers featured the Oregon celebration and the magnificent programs so successfully carried out, are but a few of the incidents in connection with the Oregon First excursion to San Francisco," said Lloyd W. McDowell, industrial agent of the North Bank railroad, who arrived in Portland yesterday, the first of the excursionists to return.

"There is no possible way to estimate San Francisco's hospitality," said Mr. McDowell. "From the moment members of the committee met the party at Benicia, an hour before reaching San Francisco, Oregon folks felt at home. Governor West, Julius Meier, chairman of the Oregon State Commission, with Commissioners Travis and Bodin, introduced the Californians to the Oregonians, state lines were at once wiped out and it was a united Oregon-California all for the success of the great exposition.

Story Told in Full.
"San Francisco's glorious reception commenced the moment the reception committee boarded the train. And at this moment the San Francisco newspapers threw open not only columns, but pages in the story of the Oregon excursion. The Examiner, Call, Chronicle, Post and Bulletin sent their best men to meet the Oregon boosters. Not only the writers came, but also the photographers and the moving-picture men.

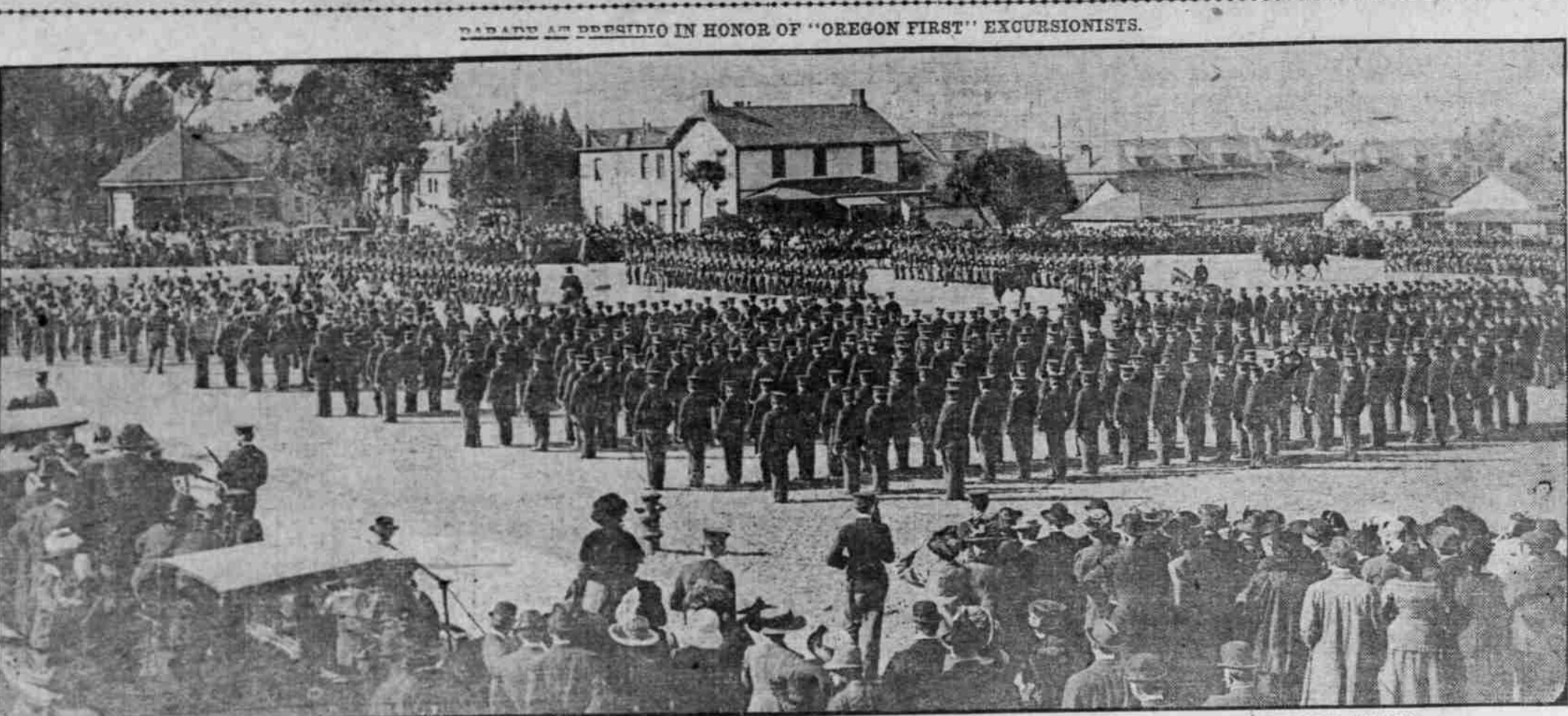
"It was dark when the party reached the ferry station, but despite this fact photographers lined up the official party and by use of the flashlight succeeded in getting pictures of the party. This was not all, however, and the next morning found the San Francisco papers in demand, for they had devoted whole pages, and even sections of the paper to the great big boost for Oregon. If anyone in the party was not interested on some subject in which California and Oregon, or the West in general is interested, it was because the staff representatives of the papers failed to find him.

Newspapermen Well Provided For.
"The newspapermen with the Oregon special were given full run of the San Francisco Press Club, and upon their arrival at the St. Francis Hotel, James H. Bishop, vice-president of the City and County, placed his machine and himself at the disposal of the press men with the train, and arrangements were made whereby the newspapermen from Oregon were given all privileges extended to the San Francisco newspapermen.

"The editors of Portland newspapers with the special were all loud in their praise of the manner in which the San Francisco newspapers handled the story, and E. B. Piper, of the Oregonian, John F. Carroll, of the Telegram, and C. S. Jackson, of the Journal, all spoke of the magnificent manner in which San Francisco newspapermen worked to give every detail of the trip.

Train Finely Equipped.
"The Oregon special over the Southern Pacific was the heaviest passenger train ever hauled over the Shasta route, and the splendid equipment and the manner in which John M. Scott and Charles W. Stinger looked after the care of the excursionists was appreciated by the entire party. William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N. Co., as well as H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the lines in Oregon, co-operated in the work of making the excursion a success. Charles E. Fee, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, met the train before its arrival in San Francisco and was tireless in his efforts to see that the Oregon boosters had the time of their lives.

"Moving pictures of the various events in connection with the visit of the Oregon delegation were being displayed the night I left San Francisco and the films will be in Portland soon. While the exposition is in progress the San Francisco Press Club will



TWO THOUSAND TROOPS PASSED IN REVIEW BEFORE VISITORS, WHOSE AUTOMOBILES COMPLETELY SURROUNDED PARADE GROUND.

maintain headquarters on the grounds in its own building and the newspapermen of the West will be asked to make their headquarters there. The more than friendly attitude of the San Francisco newspapers toward the Oregon delegation is evidence of the support Oregon may expect during the fair, when this state will be there with its exhibits to participate in the great exposition and other features of the "Oregon First" excursion, the trip was highly successful, and too much credit cannot be given George M. Hyland, chairman, J. Fred Larson, vice-chairman of the excursion, and Lloyd Weaver, head of the reception committee, as well as the members of the San Francisco committee for their efforts to make the occasion one of history for the two states.

Mr. McDowell says that a large number of Oregonians left San Francisco Sunday morning on a special train for Portland and other Oregon cities and that others have gone to Los Angeles and San Diego to view the beauties of Southern California before returning to their homes.
Train Daily Novel Feature.
"The 'Daily Oregon First,' official publication of the Southern Pacific's 'Oregon First' special to San Francisco, was issued 14 times between Portland and San Francisco with an extra edition circulated on the exposition grounds a few minutes after the publication of the site had been announced, thus giving the Oregon delegation the first definite news of the exact spot where the Oregon building at the fair will stand.

"The publication was the work of Mr. McDowell, and he issued the first illustrated daily newspaper with a telegraphic news service over published on a train. With news bulletins from the Oregonian, the Western Union, the Southern Pacific Company and long-distance telephone service from the Pacific States Telephone Company, Mr. McDowell was able to give the excursionists an hourly newspaper, illustrated with cartoons, pictures of the Oregon cities where the special made stops, photographs of the Governor and Oregon Commissioners and the latest news of the world. At each stop between Portland and San Francisco the Western Union furnished the latest news from the San Francisco reception committee.

"Mr. McDowell and Carl S. Kelly, official representative of the Portland Press Club, on behalf of that organization, handled the shovels that provided the dirt to support the flagpole that marks the site for the cornerstone of the Oregon building. Louis Colton and J. Fred Larson provided the strength to raise the pole. In that manner the Portland Press Club claims credit for being 'at the front' in the site selection ceremonies at San Francisco.

"A train of 154 empty gondolas recently passed on the tracks of the New York Central Road at Batavia. It was 3369 feet long.

OTHER STATES NEXT

San Francisco Awaits Hawley, Hay, Norris and Spry.

SITES WILL BE SELECTED

Representatives of Idaho, Washington, Montana and Utah Will Be Entertained by Panama-Pacific Exposition Sponsors.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—(Special.)—Four Western Governors with their retinue of boosters will arrive in the city the coming week to select sites for their respective state buildings at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The Governors are Hay, of Washington; Norris, of Montana; Hawley, of Idaho; and Spry, of Utah.

Governor Hay has telegraphed from Seattle that he and a party of six, and Governors Norris and Hawley, with parties of five, will reach San Francisco Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Governor Spry is expected to arrive March 22.

Arrangements for the ceremonies attending the selection of the four sites will not be completed until the visitors get in town. It is probable that joint ceremonies will be held. The Governors and their parties will be shown the same hospitality that so impressed the "Oregon First" fair boosters.

Word has been received by the exposition company that the Legislature of South Carolina had passed an act providing for that state's participation in the big fair. It was feared the South Carolina was indifferent to a celebration of the opening of the canal, but this idea has been dispelled.

John Erlaben Walker, for 29 years owner and editor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, has been in the city for several days, conferring with the exposition company officials on the subject of international congresses during the fair.

Word was received from Washington today that it is the intention of the Minister Plenipotentiary of Norway to visit San Francisco in behalf of the participation of his country in the exposition.

EXAMINER LAUDS OREGON

San Francisco Newspaper Says State Has Set High Example for Others.

San Francisco Examiner, March 15. Oregon is a great state. It produces wonderful apples. It has great forests of pine and its lumber barges reach into every city of the continent. It

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"There is not one thing San Francisco could have done for our comfort and pleasure that it has left undone, and it would have been impossible to have made our stay more pleasant. Our visit will, if it is possible for such a thing to be done, accomplish much towards more closely cementing the brotherly spirit between California and Oregon. I know I voice the sentiments of every member of our excursion party when I say this."

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OREGONIANS FORM FLYING SQUADRON

Exposition Boosters Borrow Idea From San Francisco Commercial Club.

JULIUS MEIER CHAIRMAN

New Organization Will Co-operate With California Bodies in Advertising Pacific Coast Enterprises and Events.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—(Special.)—Impressed by the effectiveness of the Flying Squadron division of the San Francisco Commercial Club, the "Oregon first" boosters are determined to have a "Flying Squadron" of their own, which will co-operate with the San Francisco organization in advertising the Pacific Coast and the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The Oregon "Flying Squadron" already has been formed and as soon as the Oregon-first excursionists get back home, they expect to enlist their friends and neighbors, and have a booster organization second to none in the United States.

Oregon's "Flying Squadron" was formed at a dinner tendered the Oregon fair commissioners and committee on arrangements by L. F. Weaver. The dinner was held at the Pacific Union Club.

Julius L. Meier, chairman of the Oregon exposition commission, is chairman of the organization. D. W. Earl, of San Francisco, who was present at the dinner, was made an honorary member. The others present at the dinner and who are members of the flying squadron, were L. M. Travis and F. N. Hodgson, of the Oregon exposition commission, and the following members of the arrangements committee: Edgar B. Piper, C. S. Jackson, John F. Carroll, Chester N. Weaver, George M. Hyland, J. Fred Larson, Charles F. Berg, A. C. Callan, C. B. Merrick, John F. Beall and H. Beckwith.

D. O. Lively, of Portland, has telegraphed his acceptance of an invitation from the special livestock committee of the exposition to meet in this city March 26 and discuss the affairs of the department.

The movement to have the Liberty Bell at the exposition has met with great enthusiasm all over the Coast. D. O. Lively, of Portland, has manifested a great deal of interest in this campaign, as it is hoped by Oregonians that the bell will be returned via the North if it comes to this city for the fair. In a communication to the exposition officials, received yesterday, Lively stated that many clubs and other organizations have passed resolutions urging the City of Philadelphia to allow the historic relic to be transported to this city.

FILMS TO REPRODUCE TRIP

Returning Delegation to Be Welcomed Home at Smoker.

Engrossed with the entertainment of guests who will arrive in Portland today in the excursion from Lewistown, Idaho, the Commercial Club is preparing no demonstration of greeting in the Oregon First party, which will reach here at 2:30 this afternoon, but will extend its formal welcome to the returning delegation at a social smoker at the club parlors Wednesday night.

On this occasion, those who were unable to take part in the trip south to select the Oregon building site will be entertained with a rehearsal of the important events of the excursion, through the medium of a moving picture show.

American Cyclists Win

BRUSSELS, March 17.—America's team, composed of Root and Hill, won the six-day bicycle race today, defeating the Belgian team by one kilometer (270 miles). Another American team, composed of Collins and Drobach, finished third.

As wages in Italy, the highest paid workmen are smiths, who get from 17 cents to \$1.25 a day.

GROUP OF WOMEN BOOSTERS ON EXCURSION



ATTRACTIVE BANNERS AND THEIR ATTRACTIVE BEARERS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco Is Jinx for Medford Citizens

Misfortunes Attend Peregrinations of Three.

MEDFORD, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—San Francisco seems to spell bad luck for the citizens of Medford. New Year's eve Judge W. M. Colvig, president of the Commercial Club, lost a valuable stock plan, a girl threw confetti in his face, later Sam McClenahan had an argument with a taxicab driver which resulted in three weeks at the hospital, and Jerry, a well-known throughout Southern Oregon as the Nugget King, returns from the Golden Gate metropolis minus a new suit of clothes.

Jerry, who takes pride in the fact that he carries \$5000 worth of gold nuggets in a black hand bag, decided recently that Medford tailors could not clothe him as befitting his reputation. So he journeyed to San Francisco, secured a \$200 suit lined with silk and trimmed with black velvet, and returning the night before, he returned to his home city.

When he came to open his trunk, however, and try on his Easter garments, he was amazed to find that the suit had disappeared and instead two tailor-made women's dresses reposed within.

Jerry is unmarried and prides himself upon the fact. He is entirely at a loss to account for the exchange, and the wint measure of the coats is something less than 35 he sees no chance of utilizing them. Moreover, they are wild and Jerry presumes the brilliant hues of his native Naples.

"I hav' no seester, molhair, sweet-heart," is Jerry's statement. "What can do with these? I give them to some beautiful girl in Medford. Uh—But oh that suit. Ver-ver' fine. Who has eet now?"

WARRANT BOOSTERS ON "OREGON FIRST" EXCURSION



TWO CHILDREN OF MR. AND MRS. E. W. MULLER, OF KLAMATH FALLS, WHO ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION — WITH THEM IN THE PICTURE ARE THEIR PARENTS.