

'SEE AMERICA FIRST' BRASS REHEARSAL

150 Passenger Agents Enjoy Portland and Discover More Wonders.

DAY IN CITY IS BUSY ONE

Eastern and Middle West Traffic Officials of Big Rail Lines Marvel at Vast Empire of Scenery and Wealth at Door of City.

"See America First," the slogan so extensively used by railroads in their advertising has taken on a broader and truer significance following the "discovery" of the Pacific Northwest by the delegates to the convention of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents who passed Monday in Portland.

The word "discovery" is used advisedly from the fact that 90 per cent of the party, which consisted of 150 of the passenger representatives of every railroad in the United States, had never before been farther west than St. Paul and had no first-hand knowledge of this section of the country, its development, its resources and its opportunities.

When the party left at midnight last night for San Francisco, following a sightseeing tour of the city and surrounding country, they possessed a first-hand knowledge of Portland and vicinity.

Surprise Is Expressed.

They uniformly expressed surprise with the magnificence of the country, pledged their hearty co-operation in furthering the development and peopling of the state. In return, the railroad representatives, who were the guests of the Transportation Club at a banquet at the Portland Hotel last night, were assured by speakers representing the various civic and commercial organizations of the city of an earnest desire to work hand in hand with the railroads, realizing that through co-operation alone were the best results to be attained in the further growth of the state and the profitable development of its resources.

Action of organized labor of this city several months ago in distributing circulars misrepresenting industrial conditions and the opportunity for settlers in Oregon was referred to by Garrett Fort, of the Union Pacific, one of the speakers at the banquet.

"We thank you for your hospitality, which is as boundless as the Pacific Ocean and your forests," said Mr. Fort. "You have an immense empire awaiting settlement and development, and you need our help and we are going to give it to you. But the work of the railroads in their efforts to help you in the last year was not handicapped by the circulation of literature emanating from your state, which represented that much of your citizenship was subsisting on charity, that all your arable lands had been taken up and that the balance consisted of a vast wilderness of forests and mountains."

Truth Is Made Known.

"But having visited this wonderful section of the country, we know from our own observations that there is no truth in those statements. With an equal amount of capital, intelligence and industry any man could probably better in your state than in any other section of this country. We know that you have room for a great many more people and we shall continue to send them."

F. C. Knapp, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who spoke later, reverted to the matter of the Portland man and repudiated the circulars that had been referred to and explained that they were issued without the knowledge and certainly without the indorsement of any of the commercial organizations of the city. He pronounced the literature as false and malicious and assured the passenger men of a desire by the business men of the state at all times to co-operate with them in all efforts to uphold Oregon and make it the state its vast area and large resources warrant.

B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was introduced and welcomed the visiting railroad men to the city. The formal address of welcome was made by J. E. Werlein, president of the Transportation Club, whose auspices the banquet was given.

Big Events Take Place.

"Fifty-seven years ago, three important events in American history occurred," said R. H. Wallace, president of the Passenger Men's Association, who made the response. "It was in 1855 that the battle of Walla Walla took place, when the natives were freed from the warfare waged against them by the Indians and peace was declared. The Republican party and our association were both born the same year."

"I read recently that the population of Oregon was six persons to a square mile. In New York the population is 158 to every square mile, in Pennsylvania 132, in Massachusetts 315. After what we have seen of the great development and your natural resources I believe the ratio might properly be reversed. It will not be long until you will have a population equal to that of many of the Eastern states. The passenger agents will do their part. I take pride in knowing that the railroads have been coming to do with the development that has taken place in the Pacific Northwest."

C. A. Cairns, retiring president of the association, of Chicago, spoke in a similar vein, declaring that what he had seen of the Pacific Northwest had been an inspiration to him.

"Oregon is a great state, and I hold evidence of it in my hand," said Cairns, exhibiting a monster potato. "This potato was produced on land that a few years ago was a veritable desert in the interior of the state. That section has since been traversed by railroads which have played an important part in the development of lands that formerly were non-productive. Of all the states we have visited, Oregon undoubtedly is most susceptible to development. Your interests are diversified, embracing every branch of industry. We will do our part in promoting your development."

Vim and Force Impressed.

"I was profoundly impressed with the development that has come to this section of the Pacific Northwest in such a short period," testified W. J. Craig, vice-president of the association, of Wilmington, S. C. "I have been much impressed with the agricultural development and the growth of your cities, but I have been more impressed with the vim and force of the men you have here—the men that have made this development possible. I have met here the men who are catching, and I shall take it home with me."

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not be overestimated and suggested that the people of the entire Coast should feel especially grateful to the officers of the association and of the Northern Pacific Railway who had been instrumental in bringing the party to the Pacific Northwest and Portland.

Great Era Is Predicted.

"I have been identified with the development of the Pacific Northwest for a number of years," said Mr. Fee, "and I know that Oregon still has a vast area awaiting development. It is especially fortunate that the passenger representatives who have made such splendid use of the slogan 'See America First' should at this time visit this section and see for themselves something of this wonderful country, its resources and possibilities. I make the prediction that in the next 25 years the greatest development of any section of the country will take place here."

Henry L. Stimson, Favored by Taft for Governor of New York.

place along the line of the Pacific Coast.

Other Portland men who joined in welcoming the railroad men to the city were George L. Baker, president of the City Council, F. A. Freeman, representing the board of governors of the Portland Commercial Club; A. G. Clark, president of the Ad Club; Eugene Brookings, president Progressive Business Men's Club; John F. Carroll, editor and manager Evening Telegram, and C. S. Jackson, publisher Oregon Daily Journal.

Trip Was Great Success.

"The trip was a great success from start to finish," said A. M. Cleland, general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, who was personally in charge of the two elegantly equipped special trains. "Everybody enjoyed himself thoroughly and the trip was not marred by the sickness of any member of the party for a single day."

"Seventy-five per cent of the members of the party had never been west of St. Paul. Of the other 25 per cent, probably less than 10 per cent had ever visited the Pacific Coast before, and then only in the last four or five years. The trip and what they have seen of the Pacific Coast country have been a wonderful revelation to the passenger agents. The Northern Pacific feels gratified over the success of the trip and the part it played in bringing the party into a special car over the North Pacific coast of the country."

Both of the special trains were made up exactly alike and consisted of the same high-class equipment. The trains were said to have been the finest ever assembled for a transcontinental trip. Each consisted of four compartment sleeping cars, one standard sleeper, one composite library car, two dining cars and an observation car.

Breakfast Enjoyed by Sea.

Early yesterday the visiting party was met at Gearhart by a party of 34 members of the reception committee of the Transportation Club who went to the American Hotel for breakfast Sunday night. Following breakfast at Gearhart, compliments of the North Bank, the visitors and members of the reception committee enjoyed bathing either in the surf or the natural hot springs.

It was in the natural hot springs that Martin J. Geary, of the Illinois Central, and a party of two escaped from drowning. He was seized with cramps upon entering the water, and but for the timely assistance of a sturdy attendant, he would have drowned.

A brief stop was made at Astoria and lunch was served on the train. En route to Portland subcommittees representing the Transportation Club were assigned to each car and saw to it that none of the interesting points was missed by the Easterners. From Gearhart to Seaside and return the trains were in charge of W. E. Coman, general freight and passenger agent, and W. C. Wilkes, his assistant, of the North Bank.

On reception of the visitors at the North Bank depot, where the party arrived about 3 o'clock, was most cordial. Each woman in the party was presented with an arm bouquet of Portland's choicest September roses and a box of bonbons. The gentlemen enjoyed cigars. Entering automobiles that were in waiting the members of the party were treated to a sightseeing trip of the business and residence districts on both sides of the river, and later made the trip to Council Crest in special cars furnished by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

President Wallace Joyful.

Lavish in his comment on the magnificent view obtained from the slightly elevated view of R. H. Wallace, general passenger agent of the Erie, New York City, and president of the association. This was the first visit of Mr. Wallace to the Pacific Coast.

"Our advertising departments have always paid considerable attention to the Pacific Northwest in publicity work," said Mr. Wallace, "but we all agree that at this time to acquire a new supply of advertising matter we have seen on this trip fully justifies their work."

Equally complimentary in his remarks was J. M. Chastrobrough, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburg, Pa., who, like the great majority of the prominent railroad men in the party, had never visited the Pacific Coast.

The party disbanded in Portland, but 125 of their number organized another special train and at midnight departed for California in a special train in the personal charge of C. S. Fee, passenger traffic manager, and John M. Scott, general passenger agent, of the Southern Pacific.

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TAFT EYES TICKET IN EMPIRE STATE

President Said to Favor Secretary of War Stimson to Head Republicans.

CONFERENCE IS ARRANGED

Political Situation in New York to Be Discussed September 24 by Executive and State Leaders—Action Expected.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 17.—President Taft will discuss the political situation in New York State and the ticket the Republican convention is to name there at a conference in New York City September 24.

Chairman Hillis, of the Republican National Committee, and George R. Sheldon, its treasurer, are expected to present and it is believed that William Barnes, Jr. and other New York leaders will see the President while he is in New York.

The President is not expected to determine upon a man to head the Republican ticket in New York.

Stimson Reported Favored. There have been reports here that he favored Secretary of War Stimson. The President, it is known, would be pleased to see the name of his Secretary of War at the head of the New York ticket, but in line with his policy of keeping out of state politics, it was considered doubtful if he would take any aggressive part in the selection of a gubernatorial candidate.

Any man decided upon by the leaders probably will be acceptable to the President, but it is believed he will let the leaders know just what he thinks of the availability of any aggressive man.

The President will visit New York on his way to Altoona, Pa. He will leave Boston next Friday night, spending Monday early Wednesday and arrive in Beverly early Thursday.

Murray to Be Retained. The President told visitors yesterday there was no ground for the report that Controller of the Currency Murray would be asked to resign. Mr. Taft added that he considered Murray an efficient Controller and did not believe he had displayed any activity in politics.

The President received a letter from Senator Brown of Nebraska last night, announcing that the Republican organization there intended to renominate the courts to take anti-Taft electors off the state ticket.

WAKEFIELD CASE BACK

JUDGE KAVANAUGH RECALLS ORDER FOR REFERENCE.

In Granting Withdrawal Court Says It Was Misled by Interpolation. Change of Venue Asked.

Giving as a reason interpolation in the order of reference or objection by the city which was not expressed verbally at the conference at which the referee was selected, Judge Kavanaugh yesterday prepared and filed an order withdrawing from the case of Wakefield and the city, which was taken up by the judge this morning in writing. He did not know where in the order when he signed it June 6, are "The defendant has objected to the reference of this case, preferring a jury trial." Yesterday's order refers to this as follows:

"At the time said order was made and entered the court was not advised that the defendant objected to said reference or preferred a jury trial in said case, but, on the contrary, said order of reference was made and entered upon the complete understanding that both parties consented to said reference and to said referee, and that said order of reference was signed by the court without any knowledge of the court that it contained the recitals above set forth relating to an objection to said referee and to defendant's preference for a jury trial."

"Said recitals were inserted in said order without the knowledge or approval of the court, and said order of reference so made and entered does not express the intentions of the court in making and entering the same, and said order of reference, in the particulars above set forth and in its present form, was made and entered by inadvertence and mistake."

Thomas Mannix, of attorneys for Wakefield & Co., yesterday drew an order requesting a change of venue, and appeared before Presiding Judge Morrow to urge its adoption. He argued immediately. Judge Morrow told him that the press of business is such that he will be unable to give any consideration to the question until next week at the earliest.

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VALE, Ore., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A second-degree verdict was rendered yesterday in the case of Asa Carey, on trial for the murder of Jasper Westfall, Marshal of Westfall, last May. The jury was out all night.

The courtroom was crowded to the doors, and many stood in the hallway to hear the closing argument of the prosecution and of counsel for the defense. The case began Wednesday afternoon, and it took two days to choose the jury, 16 men having been called when the last jurymen was accepted. The case went to trial Friday afternoon, and witnesses were on the stand from that time until late Saturday. The jury retired at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

The prosecution showed that Carey was sore over losing the marshaling of the town of Westfall and because indicated for the purpose of shooting upon the town and showing the residents of that town that Marshal Westfall was afraid to arrest him, Carey, after

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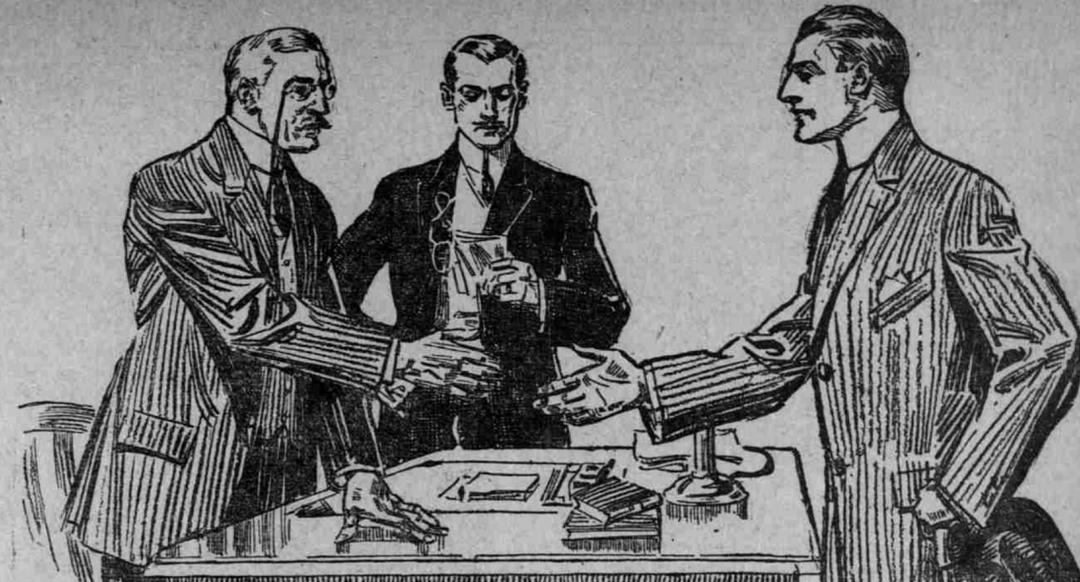
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"Young Man, the job's yours"

Ben Selling suits go a long way toward helping you land the best positions; a clean-cut, well-dressed appearance is a big factor in successful business life.

Whether you're a job-giver or a job-taker the Fall suits we are showing will please you immensely. They're thoroughbreds—style and quality in every one. Donegals, tweeds, chevrons, fancies.

Suits, \$20 to \$40
Overcoats and Raincoats, \$15 to \$40
Men's Shop, Main Floor
Young Men's Shop, Second Floor

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

MORRISON STREET AT FOURTH

ACCOMPLICE IS SOUGHT

MAN WHO AIDED SNEAD DISAPPEARS AFTER CRIME.

While Slayer of Boyce Is in Cell Consulting Attorneys Federal Victim Is Held.

MOTHER OF FIVE GIVEN AID

Charity Begins on Train When Widow Is Short of Money.

When Mrs. Anna Smith, a widow with five small children, was ready to board a Spokane, Portland & Seattle train at Kennewick, Wash., yesterday morning to go to San Francisco she found that she had just enough money to buy a ticket to Granddallas and a 10-cent piece with which to purchase edibles.

The fact of Mrs. Smith's straitened circumstances soon became known to the passengers and within a few minutes a collection was taken up, amounting to \$26.50. Arriving at the North Bank Station at 8 o'clock last night, the trainmen placed Mrs. Smith and her children in the care of the depot matron. Through the efforts of the matron about \$6 was raised at the station.

The funds collected on the train and at the depot were sufficient to purchase a ticket to San Francisco. Mrs. Smith was immediately supplied with transportation and left for California, where she has relatives who will assist her.

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It was only on account of the children that he had not left the house and his wife, said the injured man last night. He will recover, according to City Physician Ziegler.

DEMANDS ARE REFUSED

Two Printing Firms Deny Request for Higher Wage Scale.