

RETAIL MERCHANTS GUESTS OF ALBANY

Four Hundred Delegates Meet in Seventh Annual Session in Hub City.

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Home Merchants Prepare Banquet That Will Be Served in Armory Tonight—A. F. Hofer Talks on Immigration Issue.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special).—With more than 400 merchants from all parts of Oregon present, the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association convened its seventh annual convention here this forenoon and held three interesting and instructive sessions today.

The attendance at this convention is by far the largest at any convention ever held by the association. A delegation of 129 merchants, Salem is represented by 75, La Grande by 30 and large delegations are also present from Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, Ashland, and Dallas. Nearly every city and town in the state is represented.

Officers presiding over the convention are: J. L. Stockton, of Salem, president; John Collier, of La Grande, vice-president; W. A. Bell, of Eugene, second vice-president; E. N. Warner, of Medford, third vice-president; W. C. Merrick, of Portland, secretary; Thomas C. Watts, of Reuben, treasurer. The directors of the association are: H. C. Garnett, of Medford; C. M. Eppley, of Salem; J. Henderson, of Springfield; Dan Kellacher, of Portland; J. C. Mann, of Portland; F. W. Funk, of Portland; E. Polack, of La Grande; R. Alexander, of Pendleton; and E. Hanks, of Astoria.

Delegates Parade Up Town. The delegates were met at the depot by a reception committee of 150 local men, headed by J. S. Van Winkle, president of the Albany Commercial Club; F. J. Fletcher, president of the Albany Retail Merchants' Association, and George T. Hockensmith, chairman of the general arrangements committee of the local association.

A parade was formed, and headed by the Albany band, marched down Lyon street to First street and around through the business district of the city to the Moose Hill, where the sessions of the convention are held. This parade was four blocks long, and when the marchers reached the Moose Hill, they formed in single file and executed a serpentine march through that thoroughfare.

In this parade P. D. Gilbert, Mayor of Albany, carried a large wheel, painted to depict Albany as the "Hub of the Willamette Valley." This hub, as well as the badges which were worn by the reception committee and the delegates to the visiting delegates, exemplified this city's railroad connections in all directions and called attention to Albany's prominence as a convention city. The parade was followed by a large number of spectators, and the parade was especially for the occasion.

The convention was called to order by P. J. Fletcher, president of the Albany Retail Merchants' Association, and Rev. F. H. Gesebracht, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, pronounced the invocation. P. D. Gilbert, Mayor of Albany, then welcomed the visitors to the city and H. C. Garnett, of Medford, responded.

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At tonight's session there was an address by W. C. Winslow, secretary of the Salem Business Men's League, on the subject, "The Law and the Merchant," and three subjects were discussed as follows: "Value of Private Labels," led by W. M. Green, of Eugene; "Parcel Post—How It Will Affect the Merchant," led by A. P. Johnson, of Corvallis; and "How to Conduct Credit Business," led by A. G. Brinkerhoff, of Carlton.

Visitors Will Be Dined. Following tonight's session there was an informal reception in the Moose Hall and a "get-acquainted" session. A buffet lunch was served.

Two sessions of the convention will be held tomorrow and the convention will close tomorrow evening. All of the visiting delegates will be the guests of the Albany Retail Merchants' Association at a big banquet in the Albany Armory tomorrow night.

President Stockton appointed the following committees at the opening session this forenoon: Credentials—E. H. McCune, of Albany, chairman; H. A. Peterson, of Portland, and George Seramito, of Mackeburg, order of business; J. G. Spedden, of La Grande, and W. M. Green, of Eugene, resolutions; Dan Kellacher, of Portland, chairman; H. J. Maler, of the Dalles, and N. A. Perry, of Houston, auditing; J. Henderson, of Springfield, and D. H. Kershaw, of Williams.

The standing committees of the association, which are handling the various matters of this convention are as follows: Finance—W. F. Lesons, of Medford; C. H. Burdick, of Cottage Grove, and E. C. Hanson, of Roseburg; legislation—W. C. Meyer, of Salem; John H. Carlin, of Medford, and W. C. Winslow, of Salem; organization—N. A. Perry, of Houston; J. G. Spedden, of La Grande, and W. M. Green, of Eugene; arbitration—E. H. McCune, of Albany; F. A. Cram, of Hood River; and J. A. Austin, of Woodburn; program—F. J. Fletcher, of Albany; George Smith, of Dallas, and H. C. Hobson, of Grants Pass; pure food—W. M. Green, of Eugene; James Craig, of Astoria; and J. W. Daly, of

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Baker: George W. Seramito, of Mackeburg, and H. J. Henderson, of Springfield. In view of the fact that he is a member of the State Board of Immigration Commissioners and has made a special study of the immigration question, the address of A. F. Hofer, of Salem, on "Immigration as Affecting the Merchant," this afternoon was one of the most important of the convention. Mr. Hofer's talk a resolution will be passed urging the Legislature to make an appropriation to assist in promoting immigration to this state.

33 Associations Listed. There are now 33 retail merchants' associations in Oregon, which are affiliated with this state association. A list of these associations, together with the president and secretary of each, follows:

- Albany Retail Merchants' Association, F. J. Fletcher, president, S. N. Braden, secretary; Ashland Retail Grocers' Association, W. B. Holmes, president, G. C. Briggs, secretary; Astoria Retail Grocers' Association, Charles Johnson, president, T. S. Trullinger, secretary; Baker Business Men's Association, P. V. Eppinger, president, A. J. Hinkle, secretary; Coos County Merchants' Protective Association, Charles Stauff, president, F. W. Eather, secretary; Columbia Falls Retail Grocers' Association, R. B. Horn, president, R. J. Hunter, secretary; Cottage Grove Merchants' Association, G. L. Hays, president, C. C. Hazleton, secretary; Douglas Creditors' Association, O. H. Porter, secretary; E. Buchanan, president; Echo Retail Merchants' Association, J. Frank Spinning, secretary; Eugene Merchants' Protective Association, J. W. McLaughlin, president, J. T. Jarvis, secretary; Grants Pass Credit Association, C. R. Demary, president, J. T. Jarvis, secretary; Hood River Merchants' Association, Enoch Brayford, president, J. M. Wood, secretary; Klamath Falls Retail Grocers' Association, Frank Ward, president, W. A. Clarks, secretary; La Grande Merchants' Protective Association, John Collins, president, W. A. Hays, secretary; Lebanon Business Men's League, N. D. Koefoever, president, J. L. Garrison, secretary; Medford Business Association, H. C. Garnett, president, John H. Carlin, secretary; McMinnville Merchants' Protective Association, S. W. Sander, secretary; Newberg Merchants' Protective Association, S. W. Sander, secretary; Oregon City Retail Grocers' Association, A. F. Jack, president, Charles L. Eastman, secretary; Portland Business Men's League, Roy Wasson, president, W. A. Clarks, secretary; Portland Merchants' Protective Association, A. J. Henderson, president, J. W. Perkins, secretary; Roseburg Merchants' Association, W. S. Pyle, secretary; Pendleton Board of Trade, C. E. Heard, secretary; Seaside Retail Grocers' Association, H. Hays, president, H. C. Eastman, secretary; Williams Merchants' Association, C. J. Zorcher, secretary; Willows County Merchants' Association, George W. Hyatt, president, C. J. Zorcher, secretary.

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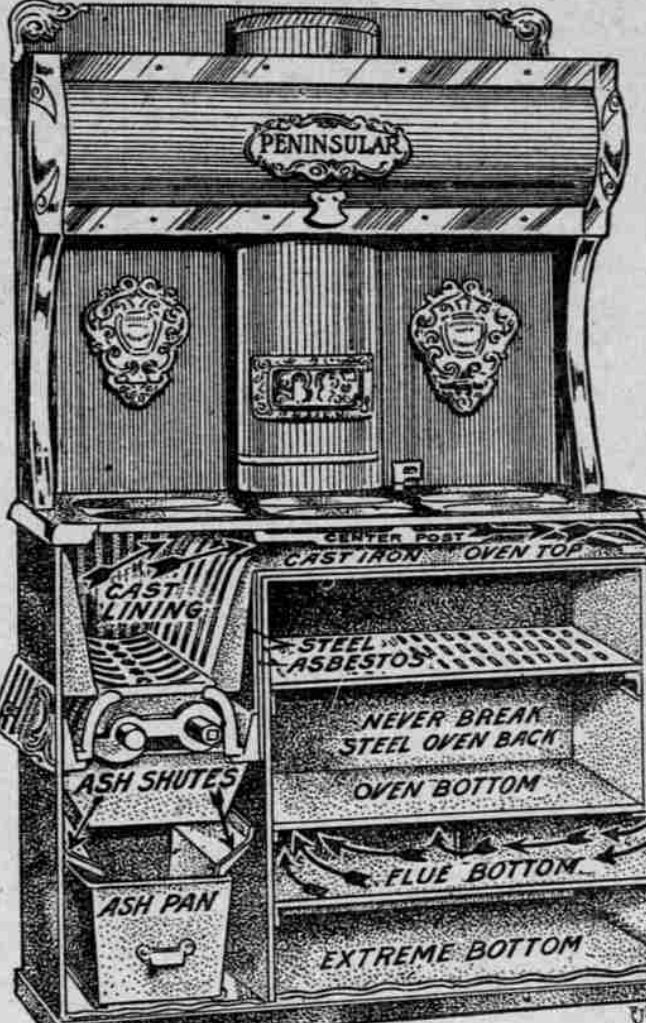
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OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special).

Despite the efforts of the Oregon City, Portland and police of other Oregon and Washington cities, not the slightest trace has been found of Carl Hodas, the saloonkeeper who mysteriously disappeared last Saturday evening, after having drawn \$1400 from a bank.

Chief of Police Shaw has telephoned to the various cities south of here, asking that a lookout be kept for Hodas. It is believed, however, that the saloonkeeper has been foully dealt with. He had lived in Oregon City for more than 12 years and was one of the best-known men here. He was temperate and was devoted to his family. His youngest child is only two months old.

N. S. Babcock, L. L. Hawkins and J. C. Alnoworth.

Benion—Thomas P. Fish, Virgil E. Watson, Jacob Jaakole, Henry E. Polly, Harmon Swank, William N. Snow and A. S. Bassett.

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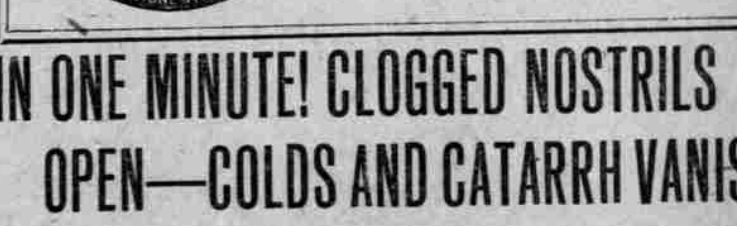
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