

MR. MURDOCK PLAYS CRITIC AND PROPHET

Ex-Representative in Ad Club Speech Urges Portland to Develop Port.

KANSAS STILL PROGRESSIVE

Orator, as Critic, Declares City Has Too Many Millionaires; as Prophet, He Sees Wonderful Future for Oregon.

Victor Murdock, the peppery ex-Representative from Kansas and one of the Progressive party leaders, spoke before the Ad Club at the Benson Hotel yesterday afternoon and here are some of the significant things he said:

"I am still a Progressive and hope to continue to be, about every standstill I meet these days pretends to be Progressive.

"The plain, every-day folks of this country are all right. They believe in the country, in its democracy, and they are ready to fight for it.

"The plain people have faith in the business men and are ready to back them along lines of honest endeavor; their good faith ought to be reciprocated.

"Our flag is the people's flag. Kings will die and dynasties will pass, but the people and their flag will endure, I hope, forever."

Mr. Murdock, who as a member of Congress is generally given credit for initiating the overthrow of Cannonism in the House and for starting the progressive movement, indulged in both criticism and in prophecy. The big dining-room in the Benson Hotel, where the business men, who listened attentively to him. As a critic he declared:

"Portland Declared Coast Belle. 'What Oregon needs is more advertising. In this respect California has far state been a mile; so has Washington. As much as you think of yourselves out here, there are a whole lot of people in this country who never heard of you.

"Without an attempt at flattery, Portland is the most beautiful city on the Pacific Coast. But she doesn't give supremacy. Develop your city as a port. If your docks down on the waterfront are held by a few individuals, you are unfortunate.

"Everyone in Congress knows that the Oregon coast is one of the most dangerous in the world. Protect your coast. Work to be brought into a complete fortification of the Pacific Coast from Mexico to Canada.

"You have too many millionaires here. You would be better off to have your wealth better distributed."

"This is Victor Murdock as a prophet: 'Somewhere on the Pacific Coast we are going to have a great seaport. It will be either at Los Angeles, at San Francisco, at Portland, at Seattle or at Grays Harbor. It might as well be Portland. You have all the advantages that any of the others have. But you can't get it unless you go after it.

"The younger men in this room will live to see the day when the United States struggles with the other nations for the trade of the Orient."

"The Orient will cause an awakening in Europe. After the war the United States, in a sense, will be the old world. The Orient will be the new world. The Pacific Coast, facing the Orient, will command the trade of the Far East.

Orator Gets Complimentary. "China has 400,000,000 people, many of whom have starved and starved for generations. The new China will demand food and clothing. We will have the chance to supply them."

Mr. Murdock also interspersed his speech with compliment. Some of it may have been mere perflage, but other portions were plainly sincere. For instance:

"The Columbia River is your greatest asset. Develop it. Use it. The world's greatest seaports all are inland."

"Some of the most wonderful scenery I ever saw is in the three States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Crater Lake. There is no more verdant locality than Coos County."

"One of my best friends is Billy Sunday. He also is the greatest living authority on heaven. It is a compliment to Oregon that this heavenly authority, in choosing his earthly residence, should have picked out Hood River."

"As a Kansan, I take as much pride in Oregon as I do in Kansas. As an American, I am interested in everything you do."

COLLEGE COMEDY WINNER

Hundreds Attend Opening Performance at Oaks Park.

Hundreds of persons attended the opening performance of "On the Campus" at Oaks Park yesterday. The musical comedy is bright and full of fun, dances and songs. Millionaire, bookworms, eccentric professors and college belles and beaux make up an interesting cast.

Pretty Billy Bingham appears as Winnie Pringle Smith, the wayward daughter and belle of the school. Chester Anderson plays the plain good-looking college favorite, Ash Knight creates humor as the college test, while Wheeler Romig has the clownish part of Professor Neverwast. Ida DeTemple plays the role of Winnie's sister and Mel Rice impersonates Pringle Smith. Lillian Weaver is cast for the choruses.

A deluge of college fun and songs is included in the comedy. All the old favorite college songs are sung and campus stunts and love affairs make the comedy interesting and funny.

CITY'S REQUEST TO BE MET

Streetcar Company Agrees to Special Paving Maintenance.

In a letter to Commissioner Dieck yesterday, the Streetcar, Light & Power Company agreed to maintain the pavement two feet outside the rails on the work that is now being done at Eastmoreland and on the city's franchise tracks. By the terms of its franchise the streetcar company is compelled to maintain the paving at a distance of but only one foot on either side of the rail, but because the present ballast under the eight-inch ties has proved unsatisfactory to the city, the railway company agreed to the city's request.

The pavement is situated on Bybee avenue, from the east line of East Twenty-second street to about 466 feet east of the center line of the Southern Pacific right of way.

Harry W. Hale Candidate.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 15.—Harry W. Hale, of Ellensburg, Republican, today filed with the Secretary of State his name as a candidate for Congress from the Fourth District of Washington.

TWO PORTLANDERS HONORED WITH LEADING OFFICES OF NEW NORTHWEST REALTY ASSOCIATION AND PRIZEWINNERS IN LIVELY SPEECH-MAKING CONTEST.



1—Fred E. Taylor, Newly-Elected President of the Interstate Realty Association of the Northwest. 2—Paul A. Cowell, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Association. 3—M. J. Lee, of Canby, Winner of Second Prize, Boy of Hood River Apples, in Oratory Contest. 4—Clark R. Belknap, Whose Speech on Warrenton Won Him the Silver Cup Competed for by 20 Delegates.

DEALERS IN CONTEST

5-Minute Booster Speeches Feature of Meeting.

C. R. BELKNAP IS WINNER

Warrenton Man Carries Off Honors as Best Speaker—M. J. Lee, of Canby, Is Next—Session Is His Success.

(Continued From Front Page.) deen, Wash.; John H. Scott, Salem, Or. Directors—Albert Schooley, Chehalis, Wash.; L. C. Calder, Montesano, Wash.; Volney B. Cox, Pasco, Wash.; R. H. Traill, Jerome, Idaho; C. M. Butler, Stites, Idaho; F. H. Smith, Boise, Idaho; W. C. Murphy, Medford, Or.; B. Van Dusen, Astoria, Or., and E. T. Wade, Pendleton, Or.

The 14 men, together with the presidents of whatever realty boards are and will exist this year within the jurisdiction of the association, are to form the executive committee, in which various administrative powers are vested by the constitution of the organization.

Oratory Is Varied. Easily the most exciting event of the entire convention programme was the speechmaking contest. William D. Wheeler, president of the judges, pointed out, as he announced the awards, that some of the orators were referred to statistical fact after fact, exceedingly difficult to discriminate. The other judges were James F. Ewing, Hugh Hume, C. S. Jackson and Edgar E. Piner.

Every variety of oratory was dispensed. There was solemn argument, figure of speech, humor; there were references to statistical fact after fact, and two of the spellbinders, Vernon Butler, a lad of only 14 birthdays, and C. Z. Skinner, of Walla Walla, even other points. He told of the industry of woman competitor, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, of Milwaukie, proved to be one of the hits of the contest.

Clark R. Belknap, the winner of the silver cup, won his first spurs as an orator while a student at Willamette University and he has since that time exercised his silver tongue before the courts of justice. He appeared on the programme as the official representative of the Warrenton Commercial Club.

Word-Painting Lavish. "Warrenton stands at the mouth of the second largest river in the United States," began Mr. Belknap, in a clear tone that at once stamped him as a past-master in the art of elocution. "The Government engineers advise us that the Columbia River at our point will have a depth of 40 feet by August 1."

He explained how freight can be carried down grade to Warrenton with far less locomotive energy than to other points. He told of the industry that have been established recently in the territory around the mouth of the river, and explained that the town of Warrenton is within two miles of the "largest ocean on earth."

Mr. Belknap was the 17th to speak. Paul A. Cowell, drawing the names of Warrenton at random as the contest progressed in order to be fair with all.

Canby's Advantages Told. M. J. Lee, winner of the second prize, spoke in the 22d position. Mr. Lee is an old-time real estate man of the Canby community. He is the man who promoted the railroad to Molalla, and has been known as the father of irrigation in the Willamette Valley. Recently he sold the water plant to the municipality of Canby.

In his prize-winning address Mr. Lee told of the world-surpassing potatoes, apples, strawberries, melons, vegetables and oats that are grown with little water in the little paradise about Canby.

When O. H. Skothem, Eugene's representative and the first speaker, completed his eloquent tribute to the little university city in Lane County, nearly everyone present was willing to grant him the silver cup instantly. He probably surpassed the entire 20 orators for employment of simile and he presented facts that were convincing. He pictured Eugene as the "Queenland city" of Oregon with a superior geographical location.

W. Cotton and other country places. John Brown told the several hundred spectators that Gresham has room for the homes of all the millionaires in the United States. He also told of the fine roads that shore Gresham on every hand, of the many medals that have been won by her, Ruby's stock, and of the Gresham cannery.

O. Z. Skinner used verse and rhyme to tell of Walla Walla, which he called "The town of Waverly, Wash., was verbally painted on the map by A. L. Robinson. He related that Waverly is a sugar factory, fine highways and the it is surrounded by a territory rich in mining and agricultural resources.

One of the richest communities in the Northwest is Idaho, in the way of W. Fitz describe Coeur d'Alene. "It stands on the shores of the beautiful lake bearing the same name and three navigable rivers nearby reach out to the largest body of white pine timber in the world. My community is one of the best mining districts in the country, producing more lead than any similar area in the world."

Grays Harbor Plants Big. Frank G. Jones, of Aberdeen, said the payroll of the 22 lumber manufacturing plants on Grays Harbor was tremendous and that the three shipbuilding plants, which are now building eight ships, with contracts for 12 more, were establishing a record for the Pacific Coast.

Dairying, timber and agriculture are the greatest blessings that have made Montesano, Wash., worth living in, explained J. E. Calder, who called his home community the gateway to Grays Harbor.

"A push for Portland," yelled M. Fitzmaurice as he closed his speech on Condon. He said he lived in the biggest county in Oregon today and that he often got lonesome operating in 4000 square miles of productive wheat territory.

W. R. Weisel said that Kennewick, Wash., the farthest point up the Columbia River that is readily navigable, and called it the best location near the river unless that honor fell to Astoria or Portland.

Hood River's Apples Famed. "Hood River and its apple was known all over Europe and throughout the civilized world before either Portland or Oregon," said J. F. Batchelder, who also made a strong point of scenery.

C. M. Butler, of Southern Idaho, said the natural resources of his community were so rich and diversified that everything thrived well there, and his plump 14-year-old son who followed him bore out his claim. Young Vernon Butler got off his poem on Stites, Idaho, mightily well, and with just enough gestures to prove his complete calmness.

"We sell land on any kind of terms, and don't press the purchasers for payment," declared George W. Vogel, who spoke for Rainier. A big parcel of water and rail transportation facilities and wonderful soil were given as Rainier's good points.

"Newberg is a good place for worn-out ministers," declared W. E. White, who told of the fine streets and roads, the sawmill, creamery, logberry and cannery plants and of the great fruit farms that abound on the fertile soil about the city.

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Mrs. M. J. Johnson said that the old pioneer town Milwaukie would not take of its hat to any city in the Northwest. She told of the prizes that have been won by Milwaukie fruit, vegetable and home products.

Molalla's Soil Fertile. W. A. Beck, of Molalla, dwelt upon the beauties of nature which bless the Molalla Valley and gave adequate credit for Molalla's greatness to the fertility of its soil and to the sterling qualities of its educational institutions.

At the early session of the convention yesterday the report of the resolutions committee was adopted unanimously.

The instance of Frederick H. Strong a resolution was passed pledging support to the Daughters of the American Revolution in their present efforts to obtain exclusive membership in the order of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The members also pledged themselves to use every effort to obtain exclusive membership in the order of the Sons of the American Revolution.

On motion of W. A. Beck the matter of perfecting uniform listing agreements was referred to the executive committee of the association for consideration.

CHOICE OF CITY POSTPONED Realty Men Require Assurance of Successful Convention.

The executive committee of the new Interstate Realty Association decided at a meeting in Portland yesterday that it might not to pick the city that is to entertain the 1917 convention until the regular biennial executive committee meeting which will be called probably in October in Portland.

Before the convention city is chosen it must produce a permanent realty board organization and give substantial guarantee that it will back the convention with sufficient force to make it a complete success.

There was a strong sentiment among the association's officers last night in favor of Aberdeen, and there is every likelihood that the 1917 meeting will be held there, or in some other Grays Harbor city. Boise, Idaho, has already spoken for Rainier. A big parcel of water and rail transportation facilities and wonderful soil were given as Rainier's good points.

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BOY SCOUTS PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE

Organization Work of Portland Council Is Now About Perfected.

CITIZENS TAKE INTEREST

Executive Committee of 14 Members Named—Character Development of Young Boys Is Aim of Organization.

The last step in the permanent organization work of the Portland Council of America was taken at a luncheon held at the Benson Hotel yesterday.

The permanent executive committee was appointed with C. H. Davis, Jr., as chairman. Other members of the committee are: H. D. Angell, C. D. Brun, George L. Baker, J. C. English, A. J. Bale, Charles Berg, Frank Kerr, J. Fred Larson, E. G. Crawford, J. Forrest Macklin, L. Allen Lewis, Guy Talbot and Edward Cookingham. Charles Berg was elected secretary.

Committees were appointed to select the officers for the council and to name a scout executive. It is expected to decide these two questions at an early date and to put together for the extension of the work among the boys of Portland.

Most of \$5000 Budget Raised. The officers of the council who attended the meeting were: W. W. Cotton, president; S. Benson and Adolph Wolfe, vice-presidents, and J. K. Gill, secretary. He reported that these men on the importance of the scout work in the development of the boys of the city along citizenship lines.

H. D. Cross, a local field scout commissioner, reported that \$3500 of the \$5000 budget for the first year's work had been subscribed. He reported that the spirit of interest and co-operation on the part of the citizens interviewed was most encouraging and expressed the opinion that the remainder of the money would be forthcoming during the present week.

With the strong organization effected and financial response, the Portland scout work should take its place in the very front rank of the organized work of the city. Mr. Cross, "Every cent invested by citizens will go directly into the work for the boys and none into equipment of buildings."

The equipment already here and will cooperate with every existing agency for the boys of the city. Today adopted will provide for the supervision of 4000 boys.

200,000 Boys Enrolled. The Portland council just organized for the promotion of the Boy Scout work was shown to be under charter from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and not in any way connected with the United States Boy Scouts. The former organization is incorporated by act of Congress and has enrolled 200,000 boys.

"The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is primarily that of character development through a very definite plan of healthful outdoor activities. That of the United States Boy Scouts is primarily military and proposes to teach boys of the ages of 10 to 17 the necessary military lines," said Mr. Cross.

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE ASKED TO PAY DUE GUARDS FROM \$7 TO \$12 COMING TO MEN NOW ON BORDER DUTY.

DOG JOINS DEAD MASTER

Suicide and Pet Will Be Cremated Here Today.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—With "Cooles," a white dog, following its death by his side, the body of Walter Vivian, ex-engineer of the local brewery, will be taken to Portland today for cremation. The dog was chloroformed in accordance with the master's dying request.

The funeral service will be held at the Knapp undertaking chapel here Thursday at 2 P. M. Rev. E. B. Collier officiating. The Woodmen of the World, Camp 77, of Portland will conduct services at the crematorium.

The pallbearers will be Elmer Barbeau, Fred Van Atta, Walter Koppe, Willis Young, W. Hamilton and Fred Preston.

Mr. Vivian, losing his health, and crippled with rheumatism, ended his life by shooting himself. The dog was the local brewer's chief engineer.

NEW CARS ARE COMING

Southern Pacific Official Reports Shortage Will Be Relieved.

SALEM, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—More substantial relief for Oregon shippers suffering from shortage of cars will be supplied in the near future by the Southern Pacific Company, according to F. L. Burckhalter, superintendent of the Portland division, who was in Salem today.

Mr. Burckhalter said that the first of the new freight cars ordered last winter by the company had been completed and that a number were already in Oregon.

Today's report of the Southern Pacific shows that the shortage was only 138 as compared with 500 a few weeks ago.

DETECTIVE IS THANKED

Explanation of Dr. Axford Case Brings Appreciation.

City Detective H. H. Hawley has received a letter from F. A. Mersereau, of the San Francisco apartment, 2953 Mission street, San Francisco, thanking him for his services in explaining the mysterious absence of Dr. L. E. Axford from the California city. Dr. Axford was the tenant of a property owned by Mr. Mersereau, who instructed inquiry when the optometrist disappeared.

Although Dr. Axford, in a lengthy interview with a San Francisco paper, still maintains that he was shanghaied, robbed, and set adrift in an open boat off the Washington coast, his story is doubted by Mr. Mersereau, in the light of Mersereau's convincing investigations.

A. GOLDSTEIN IS HONORED

Friends Gather at His Home to Join In Surprise Party.

Alexander Goldstein was the surprised guest at a stag party ten-

WAR HORRORS TOLD

Australian Hospital Ships Return With Maimed Men.

SOME SENT BACK TO FRONT

Aberdeen Logger, Home From Melbourne, Says Efforts Are Continued to Recruit All Men Eligible for Service.

LOOKOUT TOWER SENT

Building to Cap St. Helens to House Forest Ranger.

Structure Will Be Erected Without the Help of Carpenter and Will Be Anchored to Rocks.

The materials for a forest service lookout house at the top of Mount St. Helens has just been shipped to Castle-rock, Wash., according to E. H. Brundage, supervisor of the Columbia National forest. From Castle-rock it will be hauled 55 miles to a point south of the mountain.

The remaining three miles to the summit, which has an elevation of 7750 feet, will be the most difficult part of the problem. It is planned to haul the sections up over snow and ice of the steep slopes by means of a steel cable, using rocks for counter-weight.

The lookout house is a wooden structure 12 feet square, with a cupola six feet square. All the material for the house is cut and ready to be put together by the forest officers without the help of a carpenter. The lower part of the building will be used for living-quarters.

The cupola is equipped with a map table and map and a fire finder or lookout protractor. The station will have telephone connection with the outside world.

The whole building will be securely anchored to the rocks by means of four steel cables.

LANE CORONER IS BUSY

TWO SUDDEN DEATHS KEEP DR. VEATCH ON JUMP.

While Official is on Way to Investigate Accident, Message Comes of Bert Hall's Demise.

EUGENE, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Circumstances surrounding two deaths awaited investigation by Coroner Max Veatch, Lane County, today.

Early this afternoon he received a call from Mabel, announcing that a workman, supposed to be Jerry Cochlin, an employee of the Coast Range Lumber Company, had been killed while working in the forest. The message stated Cochlin had been struck by a limb while felling a tree.

Before the coroner had returned from Mabel, in the extreme north end of the county, a telephone message from Coos County announced that Bert Hall, a dairyman residing on the river road below Eugene, had died suddenly while visiting at the Melville ranch near that place. Hall went to Coosburg early today. During the afternoon Dr. M. E. Jarnegin, of Coosburg, was called to attend him, but before the physician arrived at the ranch the man was dead.

Dr. Jarnegin stated tonight over the telephone that the cause of death would not be determined until after the arrival of that official. Mr. Hall was about 55 years of age.

MR. HUGHES STILL SILENT

No Answer Made to Invitation to Spend Vacation Here.

Ralph E. Williams, Republican National Committee man from Oregon, has not yet heard from Charles E. Hughes as to whether he can accept the invitation to spend his vacation here. Mr. Hughes is expected to pass his vacation this summer at Crater Lake.

Mr. Hughes probably will be in Oregon sometime between August 15 and 20 in the course of a speaking trip through the West. It is hoped that he can find time for at least a week's fishing and hunting in this state.

MISS B. WEDEK WILL WED

Former City Employee Leaving for San Francisco to Marry.

Miss Bertha Wedek, until a few days ago an employe of the city treasurer's office, will leave this morning for San Francisco where she will marry C. L. Lothrop, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Miss Wedek, who has resigned, clerks in the auditor's and treasurer's offices presented her with an extensive array of gifts.

Miss Wedek will be accompanied to California by her mother. The wedding will take place Saturday.

Church Hall to Be Blessed.

SEASIDE, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Elaborate services will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Catholic Church, Notre Dame of Victories, to celebrate the blessing of the new church bell. Archbishop Christie has promised to attend. He will be assisted by the local priest, Father Langlard. The bell is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Farrell, and they will be among the prominent folk present.

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