

PILGRIMS' FACES ARE ALL SMILES

Tour of Inland Empire Complete Success.

ADVANCES MET IN LIKE SPIRIT

Friendships Formed Will Be Kept Alive by Visits.

TWO GREAT SCHOOLS SEEN

Institutions at Moscow, Idaho, and Pullman, Wash., That Have Grown Under Concentrated Funds Wisely Spent.

BY EDGAR B. PIPER

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 21.—(Staff Correspondence)—The business men's excursion practically completed its mission at this place today. The members have seen everything worth seeing and everybody worth knowing along their route and they feel that their efforts to make themselves better known personally in the great Inland Empire have been crowned with a notable success.

Out for a Forty-Foot Channel.

The people of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho know, as the result of this trip, that certain is much in earnest about the upper river and that it will listen to no advice from any source that the improvements at Celilo and The Dalles can wait. They know, too, that Portland is determined to have a 40-foot channel at the entrance of the Columbia River and a 35-foot channel on to Portland.

Oregon Pioneers in Whitman.

The general sentiment seemed to be that it was of little use trying to instruct the people of Colfax and the great county of Whitman as to the necessity of an open river and the joint needs of this rich little city and of Portland. Whitman County was largely peopled in the early days by Oregon pioneers and the Oregon spirit here is strong.

Pleasant Stop at Moscow.

The dawn of Saturday found the Portland Business Men's excursion lying at the Moscow station. The merchants, lawyers, doctors and other prominent citizens of this place, and pushing Idaho toward had combined to make the brief stay of the Portland business men pleasant.

made numerous sallies that much delighted all his Portland hearers.

"I am greatly interested," he remarked, "in meeting the wholesalers of Portland, but I am not sure that I dare meet face to face a wholesaler in my own particular line of business, which is hot air."

This brought Tom Richardson to his feet to give his experience as an expert in that line. He demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of everybody that "hot air" applied in the right direction and on correct principles is the thing that this country needs more than any other.

Good Feeling for Idaho People.

W. S. Dunaway was called upon, as a former citizen of Idaho, to bear testimony to the good feeling Oregon people have for their Idaho neighbors, and he did it very well, indeed. Governor Chamberlain made one of his usual bright talks and the Portland party was then invited to visit the University of Idaho, the principal institution of higher education in the state.

The University of Idaho is altogether the most interesting and important feature in the social and educational life of the state. Its great success under many vicissitudes and discouragements affords an example of particular value to Oregon. Idaho has not made the mistake of dissipating its educational energies, wasting its public funds and throwing its whole educational scheme into politics by trying to build a large number of minor schools in various parts of the state.

Here are to be found under the direction of one faculty and one board of trustees a college of letters and sciences, a college of agriculture, a school of applied science or school of mines and a state preparatory school. Two normal schools, one at Lewiston and the other in Southern Idaho, are the only other state institutions that have not been united with the State University.

"You will find no one in Idaho who says that the principle of consolidation is a mistake, except, of course, those few politicians and those occasional communities which yet have a slumbering ambition to be themselves the seat of some kind of a school of mines or normal school or an agricultural college—no matter what, just so it is supported at state expense.

"It may be said also that politics cuts no figure whatever in the administration of this splendid school. Some years ago during the Populist excitement politics broke into the organization and all but ruined it, but the people of Idaho happily learned their error in time. The university is administered by a nonpartisan board of trustees on nonpartisan principles.

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ROOSEVELT IN ST. AUGUSTINE

Day Spent in Florida, America's Land of Continuous Summer.

SPEECH ON PANAMA CANAL

Declares Confidence in Completion and Contempt for Faint-Hearted.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Oct. 21.—President Roosevelt is the guest of the oldest city in the United States tonight, and St. Augustine has put on gala attire to welcome him.

From the railroad station to the Ponce de Leon Hotel, where he will remain until tomorrow night, the streets were made almost as bright as day with colored arc lights and red fire.

The President's train arrived at 8 o'clock. He was met by a reception committee and driven to the hotel, where he remained for about half an hour. On the way to the hotel the President was driven through the city gate, where he was presented by the school children with a floral key to the city.

Showered With Flowers.

A pretty feature of the drive which pleased the President immensely was, as

his carriage was slowly passing through the city gates, a party of young ladies stationed on top of the historical gates, who showered his carriage with flowers. The President was next driven to the Hotel Ponce de Leon, where he will occupy an elegant suite of rooms while here.

Neither Plutocrats Nor Mobs.

"This Republic is not and never shall be a government of a plutocrat," he said. "This Government never shall be the government of a mob. It shall remain as it was founded in the beginning, a government of justice, through the form of law, a government wherein every man is guaranteed in his own rights and is forbidden to wrong his neighbors."

At the conclusion of his address the President was driven to the Valencia Hotel, where he was the guest of the Board of Trade at supper. He then returned to his hotel.

Tomorrow he will attend services at the Presbyterian Church in the morning, and in the afternoon probably will take a drive or horseback ride.

SPEAKS ON PANAMA CANAL

President Tells Jacksonville People It Will Be Done.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 21.—The reception to President Roosevelt today was hearty. Thousands thronged the street on his line of march, and the President showed in his manner his appreciation of the goodwill that was manifested on every side. So far as comfort was concerned, the day was ideal. A cool wind had begun to blow the night before his arrival and it gave a temperature that no one could call too warm or too cool.

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RATE CONTROL, NOT OWNERSHIP

Taft Defines Issue Between Roosevelt and Bryan on Railroads.

SPEAKS FOR REGULATION

Secretary Tells Ohio Audience Choice Is Between Roosevelt's Conservative and Bryan's Socialistic Policy.

AKRON, O., Oct. 21.—An audience of 2000 people gathered to hear Secretary Taft's speech on the railroad-rate discrimination question and state issues. The railroad question was not received with great enthusiasm, but his indorsement of Herrick was frequently applauded.

The Secretary's throat was affected, causing him to speak with difficulty. Senator Dick and Congressman W. Aubrey Thomas were on the platform at the large newly-organized Taft Club of this city.

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that Mr. Bryan is gradually resuming control over the Democratic party and proposes to assume the aggressive in a controversy in which he hopes to array the poor against the rich, to shake the present system of private property and freedom of contract, to cripple the Federal courts that are now such a bulwark in the defense of the Constitutional rights of individuals, to substitute for our present system of railroads, privately owned and maintained, Government railroads, and in every way to introduce a system of paternalism, leaning toward Socialism, which in the end would certainly paralyze the industrial and social principles of this country.

Government Ownership Agitation.

"This movement in favor of Government ownership of public utilities to include the commercial railroads is not a mere chimera. It finds its beginning in the proposition for municipal ownership of street railroads by Mayor Dunne, of Chicago; by Mayor McEllan, of New York, and even still more in the attitude of Mr. Hearst in running against Mr. McClellan."

"It is the purpose, and always has been, of President Roosevelt in the policies which he has recommended for adoption by Congress to meet these dangerous attacks upon our present economic, social and political conditions by remedying the actual evils which every one must recognize, and thus trenching ourselves against the attacks of Socialism, the suppression of individualism and the instigation of class hatred, based on alleged 'injustice and abuses that do not exist. He has, therefore, been most active in the promotion of prosecutions under the anti-trust law, and in securing legislation to aid in its enforcement. He believes, as every one must who knows anything about the subject, that perhaps the most serious abuse of the last two decades has been the unjust discrimination in railway rates as between individual shippers and as between different localities, and indeed in some instances by rates in excess of that which would be reasonable for the service itself."

Needed Changes in Law.

In an exhaustive discussion of the present law under which the Interstate Commerce Commission operates, Mr. Taft explained how the present regulations were brought before the commission, and, through the commission, before the courts. He indicated many of the difficulties under which the commission operates, some of which lead to reversal of the commission's orders by the courts. He then said: "The results convinced those familiar with the law and anxious that it should operate effectively that the two changes necessary were, first, a provision authorizing the commission, in declaring a rate to be unreasonable, to declare at the same time what was a maximum reasonable rate and to make an order requiring the company to reduce its rate to its maximum; and second, that the law should, under proper penalty, require obedience to the order of the commission and thus compel the carriers to treat the order with proper respect, reserving to them the opportunity to avoid its operation by petition to the Federal Court and a setting aside of the order by judicial superadeas on final decree."

"These two short amendments to the present law I have just described are what the President has recommended to Congress. By making such changes as are just and necessary, we can put ourselves on solid ground to resist the radical propositions of Mr. Bryan and his followers, who would take the railroads from private control and put them under Government management."

Railroads Have Broken Law.

The admitted truth is that the railroads in the past have intentionally given re-

MUST BID ANEW FOR PIPE LINE

Water Board Rescinds Its Work and Readvertises for Bids.

MAYOR LANE'S ADMISSION

Acceptance of Bid of Oswego Works While Ladd Was Member of Corporation and Board Is Declared Illegal.

FEATURES OF WATER BOARD MEETING.

First—Resolution adopted rescinding former action of board with reference to bids for pipe, and calling for new bids from cast-iron manufacturers established in the same by a vote of November 22. This contemplated the rejection of all bids heretofore submitted, and the return of the certified checks to the bidders.

Second—Free-for-all argument indulged in after adjournment in which Mayor Lane admitted that the Oregonian is correct regarding the disqualification of the Oswego Company's bid, and says eminent legal authority holds the same view.

Third—Mayor Lane states, after the meeting, that if the board had not rejected all bids, he would have refused to attach his signature to any contract with the Oswego concern on account of the illegality of its bid.

Fourth—Agent Haines, representing the East Jersey Pipe Company, censures the Water Board for inviting bids on riveted steel mains without any intention of considering them, claiming that his house had been put to the expense of \$1000 on a wild-goose chase. Also ridiculed board's contention that railroad company would not be responsible for damages in case of riveted steel mains without pipe from Birmingham, Ala.

Fifth—Paquet, Giesbach & Joplin permitted to retain contract for laying pipe.

From a spectacular standpoint, the special meeting of the Water Board yesterday, called to consider the situation relative to bids for pipe, was one of the most thrilling that has occurred in years, the proceedings being distinguished throughout by practical admissions that the exposure of the Oregonian was true in every particular, and the grand finale coming when all bids were rejected, certified checks ordered returned, and new bids advertised upon the exclusive basis of cast-iron piping, although it developed in the course of the arguments that none of the members of the board had investigated the relative merits of the different materials, and was in no position to speak from an unprejudiced standpoint, their opinions upon the lasting qualities of riveted steel and cast-iron being based entirely upon the assumptions of Chief Engineer Clarke, of the Water Department.

Mayor Lane's Admission.

To add to the discomfiture of the board, Mayor Lane, while differing with the Oregonian in almost everything else, openly proclaimed that this paper was correct in its contentions relative to the illegality of the award to the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, and after the board had thrown out all the bids, remarked with an air of relief, "I think you have done right now. I wish you had done it a week ago. It would have saved a world of misery."

Almost as soon as the board convened in special session yesterday afternoon, Dr. Josephi arose and offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Doubt has been cast upon the validity of a contract to furnish cast-iron pipe, it entered into by the Mayor and the board, October 16, 1905, awarding the same to the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, for the reason that William M. Ladd was then a member of this board (though he took no part in its deliberations nor did he vote upon the question of award), and was at the same time a member of the corporation whose bid was accepted; and that the vote by which the contract to furnish cast-iron pipe was awarded the Oregon Iron & Steel Company be now rescinded.

Some Desultory Discussion.

Some desultory discussion ensued, which was participated in by all the members present, including the Mayor, as to whether there had actually been any award of contract, Dr. Josephi holding that the acceptance of the bid of the Oregon Iron & Steel Company carried with it an award of the contract, and he moved to reconsider the vote by which the bid of the Oswego plant was accepted, asserting that it would have the effect of doing away entirely with any doubt relative to the disposition of the certified check.

Dr. Rafferty seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Dr. Josephi: "Now, with the consent of my second, I withdraw my motion to award the contract to the Oregon Iron & Steel Company."

Mayor Lane: "I guess I am willing."

Mr. Bates: "Now, gentlemen, I move that we reject all bids and readvertise for cast-iron piping."

Dr. Josephi: "We have settled upon the proposition to readvertise for cast-iron pipe and specials, and I think a proviso ought to be inserted in the contract imposing \$100 a day liquidated damages for any delay that may arise in supplying the material."

In obedience to a concordance of ideas, the Mayor ordered all bids for furnishing pipe rescinded, and set Wednesday, November 22, at 9 A. M., as the hour for opening proposals, bids for cast-iron material alone to be considered. It was further agreed that the bid of Paquet, Giesbach & Joplin for laying the pipe should

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