

ROCHE IS HONORED BY RAILROAD MEN

New President of Traveling Passenger Agents Tendered a Banquet.

PROMINENT MEN SPEAKERS

Governor Chamberlain and Officials High in Transportation World Respond to Toasts—Financial Situation Is Discussed.

Railroad men of Portland and the Pacific Northwest paid a handsome tribute last night to Mr. J. H. Roche, of Portland, recently elected president of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents.

Aside from the congratulations of Mr. Roche and J. H. O'Neill, the other Oregon delegates to Jamestown, through whose efforts the 1908 convention of the association was secured for Seattle, the feature of the evening was a discussion of the financial situation in the Northwest.

That Portland and the other Pacific Coast cities are substantial in their industries and certain of a continuance of the prosperity that has been experienced for several years was the burden of every address.

Others not on the regular programme, but who were called on informally for short remarks, were J. H. O'Neill, who was a delegate with Mr. Roche to the National convention; George W. Andrews, E. E. Ellis and Herbert Collins, of Seattle; Dr. H. W. Cook, A. H. Devers, F. H. Fogarty, William McMurray, A. S. Charlton, George Willett and James Casey, of Portland, and W. H. Wehrung, president of the Oregon state commission to the Seattle Fair.

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Seattle Men Not Present. Governor Mead, of Washington, and J. E. Chittenden, president, and L. A. Nadeau, director-general of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, had expected to be present and address the traffic men, but were unable to attend.

In calling the assembly to order, Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club and toastmaster of the evening, paid a complimentary tribute to Mr. Roche, who was elected to head one of the most important of National associations. That Mr. Roche was deserving of the honor, Mr. Richardson said, was shown by the fact that largely through his efforts the traveling passenger agents had been brought to Portland in 1907 and that attendance was again assured for Seattle in 1908.

"No one did more than the railroad men in bringing about the success of the Lewis & Clark Exposition," Mr. Richardson continued. "Already they are working for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and in their efforts the people of the Pacific Coast will unite. The coming fair is of as much interest to Portland and other cities of the Northwest as it is to Seattle, and the benefit will be shared by all."

Oregon Governor Talks. "Not only the Pacific Coast, but the country at large is indebted to the railroad men," declared Governor Chamberlain, leading up to his discussion of the financial situation. "You are well informed on the subject of the industries of the country, and you all know its needs. You have done much, but there is now something further for you to do, and for every citizen to do who has at heart the welfare of this state and of the Nation. You especially are in touch with the large interests, and it devolves on you to see that bankruptcy does not come to the state and that there is a position to exert a great power to alleviate present conditions."

"Owing to the great shipments of products being made to the Northwest, Portland banks have been compelled to credit their country correspondents for goods not yet paid for by the East. The country banker depends on us and we in turn on New York and other Eastern cities. The banks have found it necessary, therefore, to protect themselves and thereby the people and we must stand by them in the necessary action they have taken. We must have confidence in our neighbors and promote confidence among all."

The present crisis is not to be feared if we are only calm. If we act as our best judgment dictates, Oregon will emerge from the conditions which confront her at present, one of the greatest and richest of states. Let each one go forth a missionary to work for confidence in our industries and in our institutions."

This spirit was echoed by W. W. Cotton, general agent of the O. R. & N., who in opening his remarks said that he felt complimented in being given a place between the two greatest publicity agents of the age—with a representative of the Associated Press on one side and a member of the traveling passenger agents on the other. Referring to the speech just made, Mr. Cotton then said:

"I desire to endorse everything that the Governor has said, and that in my belief one of the great needs of the day is a more elastic currency. We deposit checks in the banks and draw out real money. Did you ever stop to think how little actual silver and gold is in the bank and yet particularly at the time of crop-moving, we are confronted with the necessity of a very large amount of money."

"To relieve this condition, I would have the banks empowered to give us paper that would pass as money. I do not believe in free silver and do not believe in resorting to greenbacks, but I do think that such a plan as I have outlined could be worked out and we certainly need more money in circulation. I would suggest that this paper be issued by banks, covering say one-fifth of their deposits and representing approved securities, which would fulfill the purposes of actual money. This would avoid such conditions as at present, which are only temporary. We are threatened with no actual insolvency. All we need is to be confident and restore normal conditions."

"The only difficulty we have today is too much business and not quite enough confidence," said W. D. Panton, counsel for the Southern Pacific, taking up the same subject. "Up to credit is restored the field of opportunity here will be bigger and better than ever before. One care we should have is to stand behind our financial institutions from San Diego to Seattle. This is no time for us to criticize those who have custody of our funds."

"The situation is now brightening. On all sides the banks are paying out cash in limited amounts. The next week will be the supreme test and in the language of the streets is 'up to the people' to say what will be the result. I will say that any man who has a dollar that he does not actually need will be a traitor to his trust if he withdraws it from any honest depositor. I feel confident that we shall handle our enormous business and that normal conditions will soon prevail again."

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"I knew Lincoln well," he said last night in his room, "and I stood within 20 feet of him when he gave his immortal sentence of death by hanging to the traitor. I went in a rain-storm at 7 o'clock in the morning and stood until 10 o'clock to get the position I wanted. By the time Lincoln arose to make that wonderful speech fully 50,000 people were there to hear him, and just as he advanced on the platform the rain had been falling all day stopped, the clouds parted and the afternoon sun came down on that never-to-be-forgotten scene. Some very worthy people, both at the time and since, have professed to see something supernatural in this, and in what occurred later, that I will mention in a moment, but, as a matter of fact, I merely a very happy though very beautiful coincidence."

Spoke in Loudest Tones. "Lincoln, realizing that those thousands had, many of them, come hundreds of miles and had stood in the storm for hours to hear him speak, he spoke at the very top of his voice. He did not begin rather low and work up for oratorical effect as a lesser man might have done, but he roared out with all his strength. 'Fellow Citizens—' and I heard many say, 'Good!' as they realized and appreciated what he was trying to do."

"Andy Johnson was the Vice-President, and very popular at that time with the more radical element. He was a sort of blood-and-thunder man and played to the element that believed in such measures during the war. When Lincoln was done, the crowd began to shout 'Johnson, Johnson,' and Lincoln turned, went to the front of the platform again and shook his head and by signs tried to get them to desist. But they would not, so he stopped, and hurriedly left the stage. Then Johnson stood up. I noticed that his face was very red, and while he stood there facing that great crowd he passed his hand over his forehead several times, and I heard men say, 'He's sick,' when a Senator who had been sitting beside Johnson arose, took him by the arm and led him away without Johnson saying a word. He was drunk."

"This occurred about 2 o'clock. For an hour after the meeting I was very busy running around Washington, getting ready to leave on the afternoon train. Several times I noticed groups of people standing and looking up into the sky. I had not time to find out what the cause was. When I got my work done I ran into another group and asked them what they were watching, and they pointed it out to me. Right up there in the now clear sky, where the sun had burst through when Lincoln was talking, a bright star, clearly visible at full day. The thing has occurred before and since, but it appeared to us greatly at the time, and I have always remembered it as a particularly fitting incident and of what it all meant."

Another Pretty Incident. "Another pretty thing happened when Grant was reading his inaugural speech. When such an event occurs a platform seating thousands is built down from the columns of the Capitol. I was listening to Grant when I noticed a cotton ball on the edge of the crowd among those columns. At first I thought the police or secret service men were arresting some one, as was done frequently in those days, when I saw a little girl in white lifted up between two people seated in the extreme rear row. Then the next row parted so as to let her through, and thus, seat at a time, she came down that crowd right toward the President. When she got to him she stepped to his side and took his arm without a word. Grant looked down, smiled, and went on reading. It was Nellie Grant."

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Our Great November Sale

This wonderful sale has taken like wildfire—never have we announced a timely event which was so enthusiastically received. Although hundreds and hundreds of these beautiful garments have been sold, there are hundreds to take their place. It is an innovation in garment-selling which seems to have diverted the attention of thousands of women seeking winter garments to this store, intent on sharing these wonderful values.

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BREAKS THE RECORD

Mauritania Beats Her Sister Ship. SPEED 25.05 KNOTS HOUR

Builders' Trials Show Marvelous Speed Attainments—On Run From Tyne to Mersey She Is Not Pushed.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(Special)—While the Lusitania was speeding eastward on a record-making trip, her sister ship, the Mauritania was making a leisurely jaunt around the coast of North Britain on her way from the Tyne, where she was built, to the Mersey, whence she will sail on her maiden voyage to New York some time in December.

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RETURNS FOR PROPERTY

Legally Dead Man Comes to Life and Asserts Rights.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—John Litt, of Chicago, called at the Kane County Recorder's office at Geneva, yesterday and declared he is not dead, although he had been declared legally dead 10 years before. He had been missing 21 years.

Mr. Litt, who was formerly a resident of Elgin, disappeared mysteriously in 1884. His wife and kintook searched for him high and low without success. Mrs. Litt died in Chicago in 1888, and 10 years ago, Litt having failed to appear, his relatives took measures to have him declared dead legally and were successful. They then divided the property.

CHICO, Cal., Nov. 2.—In a head-on collision today on the Northern Electric Railroad, at Live Oak Station, 30 miles south of Chico, several persons were injured, two severely. A passenger car, leaving Marysville at 5:20 A. M., ran into a southbound freight train on a curve. The accident was caused by a discrepancy of five minutes in the watches of the conductors. Those seriously hurt were E. C. Nidderer, of Sacramento, the motorman of the passenger car, who may die, and W. Mercer, the freight brakeman, who sustained a broken arm and other severe injuries.

DIES DRUNKARD'S DEATH

Ex-Political Leader of Chicago Has Miserable End.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—From affluence and political position to a slab in the county he was once an official, was the fate of morgue, a charge on the county of which Fred Johnson, formerly town clerk and a North Side Republican leader.

Johnson, who of late years has been practically a social outcast, given up by his wife, a daughter and nearly all his former associates, died in the county hospital yesterday of injuries received in a fall from a wagon. He was taken to the hospital in a patrol wagon. He still was believed to be fractured. The police had many times previously taken him to the hospital for protection in a helpless state from drink.

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