

UNITED WORK NEED OF COAST IS GRAY

Puget Sound and British Columbia Visitors Join Portland in Pledge.

TOURISTS ATTEND BANQUET

Speakers at Commercial Club Say Communities on Pacific Slope Should Labor Together to Bring People West.

With harmony and a united and a common purpose as their motif, 53 representative business men from Puget Sound, British Columbia and Western Canada provinces assembled at the Portland Commercial Club last night and were told of the many advantages and attractions of their various localities spoke of a coming greatness for the entire West, and advanced methods for most expeditiously adding the West to a realization of that greatness.

The visitors left Seattle yesterday on a journey of the entire length of the Pacific Slope, that is to end at Los Angeles February 2. After that they will visit at will the various parts of California. The party is traveling in a special train, under the auspices of the O. W. R. & N. in conjunction with the Southern Pacific.

Welcome is Extended. Marking the end of the first stage of their journey after leaving Seattle, the party reached Portland at 3 o'clock yesterday evening. They were met at the station by committees from the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club, the Portland Rose Festival Association, the Oregon Development League, the Elks' National convention committee, the Rotary, the Ad. the Press and the Progressive Business Men's Clubs, and were shown about the city in automobiles.

At 6 o'clock dinner was served at the Commercial Club. After the dinner the travelers had an hour left in which to view the city. At 10:30 P. M. their train left the Union station for its southern destinations. Short stops are scheduled to be made at Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland today.

President Piper, of the Commercial Club, presided at the dinner. He spoke of the growing spirit of harmony between the Coast cities, and introduced all of the speakers. Those speaking were Joseph Blithen, manager of the Seattle Potlatch; George M. Hyland, of the Portland Rotary Club; and district passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N. at Tacoma; Tom Richardson, D. N. McTavish, of Vancouver, B. C.; Gus C. Moser, chairman of the St. Paul convention committee of the Elks' convention, and B. H. Thompson, of Centralia.

"Coast Spirit" Need Seen. Mr. Richardson dwelt upon the need of fostering what he termed "a Coast spirit."

"It is one of the assets of the states to the north, and it is to be taken farther north, of British Columbia, that every one believes his city the best city," he said. "But there has arisen a Coast spirit that is just as important as the individual civic spirit. Civic organizations are realizing that as long as they talk individual things they are missing opportunities."

"There are two reasons why different localities try to get publicity. One is to get people to make their homes with them, and the other is to get business. For the former, the individual spirit is the proper thing, but to secure the latter, a broader, a more general spirit, is necessary."

"For altogether proper reasons we are now journeying toward California. We are not going to Sacramento or San Francisco or Los Angeles or Pasadena, but to California. Why not reverse that program and say to the people of the East and the English-speaking world, 'Come to the West in July and August.'"

Call to Coast Urged. "The traveling public doesn't care for Seattle as against Portland, or Portland as against Vancouver, but it does care for the pleasant summer weather. The West is a manufacturing plant of weather, scenery, auto roads, yachting advantages and courses, and is equaled by nothing in Sweden, Switzerland and Norway in one chunk."

Mr. Blithen spoke of a plan whereby all of the cities of the West would arrange entertainments for the summer months, such as the Rose Festival and the Potlatch, and advertise them in common, as the most efficacious means of attracting people to the West.

"We are not after the thousands of people from east of the Mississippi," he said. "But we want the people from the hot states around us, who are in the habit of going East, and it is that plan that is going to bring them out."

A large pair of scissors was suspended from the ceiling at one end of the room, which, it was explained, represented "consolidated optimism." With it, one speaker said, the West could "clip the wings of the world."

Hyland's Remarks Humorous. Mr. Hyland paid a high tribute to the Canadian people. "You people across the imaginary line of this continent are our own people intensified," he said. A humorous rhetorical flow, in which he painted the picture presented by "the twin peaks, Mount Tacoma and Mt. Rainier," provoked considerable mirth among the guests.

After speaking seriously of the wonderful progress made by Portland, Robert Lee told, in a semi-humorous way, of the achievements of Tacoma. "It is the city of big things," he said. "Among other big things we have the largest totem pole in the world, and we made it right at home, and didn't have to go to Alaska to steal it, as Seattle did here."

Tom Richardson dwelt on the timber body on the Pacific Coast, which he said would furnish cargoes when the Panama Canal was opened, and Mr. McTavish, of Vancouver, B. C. told of the immense wheat production of the Canadian provinces, and of the great progress being made by his city. In 1911 its building permits were \$13,900,000, he said.

was signed that active construction work would be begun as soon as the first shipment of steel can be made from their Eastern plant.

TAFT PETITIONS PREPARED

Committee Seeks to Have Name Put on Primary Ballots.

YOUNG PORTLAND ATTORNEY SEEKS NOMINATION FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.



James E. Craib, a well-known Portland attorney, has started the preparation of petitions which are to be circulated in Oregon to have the name of President Taft placed on the official ballot at the April primaries. The papers will be ready this week, at which time they will be placed in the hands of a force of circulators. They will be circulated principally in Mult-

nomah County, although it is probable some names will be secured from other nearby counties. It is expected the lists will be completed and ready for filing within a short time.

The Taft committee has opened quarters in the selling building. A stock of literature showing the record of President Taft during his present Administration is in course of preparation and will be sent to all parts of the state within the next few days.

Brakeman Slashed in Fight. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special)—As the result of a cutting affair in this city last night Harry Halkyer, a brakeman on the freight train between Albany and Junction City, Oregon, was slashed with a bar, slash three inches long across his face, and Frank Patton, a young man who recently came to Albany from the East, is under arrest on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The two men were toasting coins at a line, when a dispute arose and a fight broke out. Patton whipped out a knife and gashed the railroad man several times. Each man asserts the other was the aggressor in the fight. Patton could not be held by the police last night, but he surrendered today, waived examination and was held for the grand jury under \$200 cash bail, which he furnished.

Alleged Liquor Law Violators Taken. GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Several more arrests were made today in an effort to gather up alleged violators of the local option liquor law. Both the north and south ends of the county, as well as this city, came under the ban of the law. At Leland, Ed Stoneman was brought in and entered a plea of not guilty. At Merlin, John Haven, at Kerby John C. Henry, at this place George Altpeter. These defendants also entered a plea of "not guilty." The hunt for violators has been systematic and the warrants issued quietly before they were aware the officers were near.

Napavine Firm Receiver Dismissed. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Judge A. E. Rice yesterday signed an order dismissing A. H. Brown as receiver for the Somerville Bros. Milling Company, of Napavine, the order being the result of a petition submitted to the Lewis County Superior Court by the creditors of the mill company, asking that the Somervilles be allowed to resume their business. The total indebtedness of the Somervilles, who have been operating their mill for the past 20 years, is \$40,397.75, and all but \$165.41 was represented in the petition brought before Judge Rice.

High School Teachers Meet. Teachers in all the public schools of Portland assembled in the Lincoln High School auditorium yesterday morning for the last general meeting of the school year, when announcement of appointments and transfers were read by Superintendent Rigler, followed by a short address. Mr. Rigler announced that the next meeting would be held in the new Lincoln High School. Fourteen teachers were appointed to positions in grammar and high schools. Two teachers were placed on half pay. A large number of transfers are to be made in the new term.

Weyerhaeuser Taxes Are \$150,000. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special)—B. F. Arnold, County Treasurer, has completed the compiling of the 1911 taxes of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in Lewis County. The total amount to be paid by the company is \$151,862.25. It is customary to make out the receipt for the taxes of the Weyerhaeuser company before they are paid, to enable the company officials to check them over.

Railway Mailclerks Appointed. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—L. E. Spitzberg, of Portland; B. P. Plower, of Black Rock; and Ralph H. Maupin, of Woodburn, were appointed railway mail clerks today.

Turn Now to Center of This Section for Double-Page Announcement of The Meier & Frank Store's Greatest February Homefurnishing Sale

New Merchandise—a Harbinger of Spring!

The New Spring Suits

SECOND FLOOR SALONS—MAIN BUILDING.

NEW

THE practical and charming combined in new Suits for Spring. Rich serges, whipcords, ratine, vigoureux and wool crashes are the popular fabrics. Plain blues, browns, tans predominate—stripes are in high favor.

The narrow silhouette type still prevails. Both demi- and severely-tailored models. Straight and clever modified cutaway jacket of 24 to 26 inches.

Then we've the smart peplum styled garments with wide belts at Empire back. Notched, round and collarless jackets. Revers faced with white add a touch of new daintiness to many of the models.

They're smart—every one of them! Paris fashions modified to suit the American idea of correctness and grace of line! Many on display in 5th-st. windows.

Suit as illustrated, at \$35—of fine blue serge—typifies the semi-tailored suit for Spring.

Sizes for women, misses, juniors, \$16.50 to \$65

\$30 to \$38 Modish Suits, Special \$16.45

Late Winter and early Spring models are in this special group for tomorrow at half and less! Medium weight fabrics in both severely and semi-tailored styles. Plain notched and rolling collars of satin. Actual \$30 to \$38 Suits, sp'l

HARBINGER—a forerunner—the first bird that sings to you its message of Spring! So the beautiful new Spring merchandise and fashions we've assembled for this first, authoritative showing tomorrow, carry an air altogether delightful.

Nearly a ton of new things off one express!—and more coming in by every train from the East. New Spring Tailored Suits that bespeak of New York and Paris chic, charming Spring Millinery, from famous modistes and our own skilled trimmers; new waists; new Laces and Embroideries, destined for the greatest popularity in years; new Dress Goods, Silks, Wash Goods, Neckwear.

Paris and New York Style-Dictates for Spring

Colors: prune, plum, raisin, Bordeaux, stone and taupe gray. White and ecru strong in cotton goods.

Latest Suit Jackets, 25 to 27 inches, with jaunty cutaway effect in high favor. Newest style skirts show slight increase of width. One-piece dresses highly regarded.

No radical novelty in sleeves, ¾ length preferred.

Foulards still leading in silk popularity. Soft taffetas the rage of Paris. Cotton fabrics in high favor. Cotton Agarie or Turkish Toweling effects very prominent.

Bordered designs in silks, wash goods and trimmings are back stronger than ever. Continued use of the side-frill is assured, with the cascade jabot in many new forms.

Bright, New Dress Goods Rare Beauty in Waists

FIRST FLOOR—MAIN BUILDING

NEW WHIPCORDS, Bedford cords and wide-wale weaves furnish the feature in Dress Goods for Spring!

Also the ever-popular Silk-and-Wool Poplins, Prunellas and Serges. Yard \$1 to \$3.

Hairline Striped Suitings, in black, blue and browns, a Spring favorite. Yard \$1 to \$2.

New All-Wool Challies, both French and domestic—over 500 new pieces in figures and borders, 27 to 30 inches wide. Yd. 50¢, 65¢ and 75¢.

New Cream and White Dress Goods, always in big demand for Spring suits and dresses. Serges, Chevots, Whipcords and wide-wales. Yd. \$1 to \$3.

New Wool Suitings, for dresses and Spring suits, Neat two-tone mixtures, grays, tans, etc. Yard, \$1 to \$2.50.

In the Big Grocery

60c Japan Tea, Pound 32c

THE high price of Coffee has turned many people to Tea! We offer 60c Victor Japan Tea tomorrow at the 32c extraordinary special price, the pound 32c

Royal Banquet Butter, special, 2 lbs. for 74c

Mexican Beans, special, four pounds, only 25c

Fancy Seeded Raisins, 3 packages, only 25c

E. C. Corn Flakes, 4 10c packages for only 30c

Fancy Asparagus, special price, a can, only 20c

Phone your orders at any time after 7. A. M.

\$6.50 to \$8.00 Lovely Petticoats \$4.35

SECOND FLOOR—MAIN BUILDING

AN extraordinary sale of 300 new all-silk chiffon Taffeta and Messaline Petticoats, made to conform with the close-fitting skirts, which will be so much in vogue this Spring.

Flounces have flat bias bands, tucked ruffle and rows of pin tucks. Black and all wanted shades for Spring wear. Regular \$6.50 to \$8 Petticoats, \$4.35 tomorrow

The First Spring Hats

THE two distinct types as illustrated here are characteristic of the styles for early Spring. The little Dutch Bonnet of fine blue hemp, with made stems and tiny flat flowers encircling crown—\$11. Other hat pictured—\$16.50.

Combination of materials the leading feature. Rolling brims uniquely shaped. Turbans, Toques and medium-sized Sailors.

Displayed in Fifth-street window and in second floor salons. Every price, \$10 to \$25.

Mme. Irene Corsets

SECOND FLOOR—NEW BUILDING.

FIRST then the Spring **NEW** the Corset

gown. And perfect in every detail are the famous Madame Irene's. They reflect only the ideal and the highest interpretation of art and fashion!

The medium bust line styles are prevalent though for the figure that demands it we've the high bust models. Then the low and topless types for the lithe, superlatively supple figure.

Expert corsetiers to fit you in the model your figure requires. Beauty and grace of line—rare distinctiveness assured every woman corseted in a Madame Irene. Priced from \$6.50 to \$25.

The Greatest Lace Season in Years

SO PREDICTS every style-journal and fashion authority! To quote a letter from our own Paris office, "Laces of all descriptions will be particularly popular this Spring, Guipure and Venise laces being worn extensively over velvets."

—Allows in shadow effects, embroidered nets, Venise and Macrame laces for yokes and waists.

—See, too, the lovely novelties in embroidered voile and Turkish Toweling or Agarie robes, both white and colored. New bands and edges in white and cream for trimming gowns. A reduction of 10% to introduce the new Laces.

New Embroideries

Thousands of yards of these new Spring Embroideries have come to us direct from the St. Gall looms!

Infants' Matched Sets, Ribbon Beadings, Bands, Edges, Gallons and Flouncings, on voile and batiste, 18 to 45 inches wide. Allovers in Baby Irish designs, 22 to 45-inch, for waists and dresses. Matched sets for undermuslins.

Regular 25¢ to \$35 grades at a special 10 per cent reduction for introductory week.

Tremendous Sale Men's Kirschbaum Clothes Cont'd

FRIDAY and Saturday were days of unprecedented selling in this tremendous clothing event!

You'll remember we secured the immense end-of-wholesale-season surplus of Suits from A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., Philadelphia, makers of the famous "Cherry Tree Brand," to which we added every fancy Winter Suit and Overcoat in our entire stock.

Over 1000 garments to choose from tomorrow. Weights, styles and patterns for present and Spring wear. All sizes for men of all builds.

\$35, \$30, \$28, \$25, \$20 Grades!

\$14.75

BRIDGE CONTRACT SIGNED

Mayor Approves Letting of Work for Broadway Structure.

Mayor Rushlight signed the contract for the superstructure of the Broadway bridge yesterday. By the terms of the agreement the Pennsylvania Steel Company, to whom the contract was awarded, guarantees the completion of the bridge by February 3, 1913. A representative of the steel company announced immediately after the contract