

COMMERCIAL CLUB

Organized with "Greater Roseburg" as Its Slogan.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

Becomes a Local Branch of Oregon Development League.

In the organization of the Oregon Development League at Portland the first of August one of the principal objects in view was the establishment of a state organization with which local organizations could co-operate in a common cause—the development and upbuilding of Oregon. Nearly every town or city of any consequence in the state has effected an organization of a local board of trade or commercial club to work for the upbuilding of its particular locality and by joining issues with the state organization or league once be able to derive the benefits that only time and the expenditure of great sums of money could bring otherwise in securing immigration, needed industrial institutions and exploiting the advantages and resources of the particular locality.

The Oregon Development League is fast gaining in favor throughout the state. Even private individuals send in checks for membership, and while this is contrary to the rules of the organization, it shows the spirit. There seems to be a misunderstanding about membership in the league. Private individuals or private concerns are not eligible for membership. Only commercial and industrial organizations are admitted, although the other elements are welcome at all times to take membership in the branch organizations and help the cause along.

A few representative business and professional men of Roseburg met in the office of Frank G. Micelli Thursday evening and took definite steps in the organization of a commercial club. Mr. F. J. Blakeley, first vice president of the Oregon Development League, took the initiative in this movement. He plainly stated the object of the meeting and secured a personal statement from every individual present regarding his view on the proposition, and needless to say the movement received the hearty endorsement of all present, every citizen of the town, as far as that is concerned, realizes the necessity of putting forth an organized effort to secure a full share of the immense immigration of homeseekers and investors who will take advantage of the low rate to the Lewis & Clark Exposition next year, to come to Oregon and invest their money. While similar organizations may have failed heretofore in Roseburg, never before has the necessity for such an organization been so apparent as now, and with the aid and encouragement to be derived

from the state organization, no trouble will be experienced in maintaining the local organizations.

A meeting of the state league, of which Tom Richardson, of Portland, is the leader, will be held at Grants Pass on Sept. 23rd. It is expected that another meeting will be held in Roseburg later on. A number of such meetings have been recently held in Eastern Oregon towns and great interest in this movement is evinced.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION EFFECTED. It was the sentiment of the meeting Thursday evening to effect at once an organization to be known as the Roseburg Commercial Club and the following officers were elected: T. R. Sheridan, president; F. W. Benson, first vice president; Jas. O. Watson, second vice president; Frank G. Micelli, secretary; A. C. Marsters, treasurer; F. W. Woolley, W. L. Cobb, G. C. Morris, L. Wimberly, W. C. Conner, Dexter Rice, Sam Josephson, directors. The secretary was instructed to notify the Oregon Development League of the organization of this club and forward applications for membership and the fee of \$5. For the latter the state league furnishes each local club a supply of lithographed stationery. The membership fee in the local club was fixed at \$1.

The committee on bylaws is W. L. Cobb, L. Wimberly, W. C. Conner, J. C. Watson, Frank Micelli. They will report at the next meeting, which will be held in the Board of Trade headquarters in the Douglas County Bank building, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13th.

OBJECT "GREATER ROSEBURG." This is simply a plain business organization whose main purpose is expressed by its motto, "Greater Roseburg," which includes both the upbuilding of the town and the surrounding country and the development of natural resources and the establishment of needed industrial institutions. Every citizen who is interested in the material growth of our town and county is invited to join the club, for the movement is for the benefit of all.

BENEFIT TO BE DERIVED. With the co-operation of local clubs, the Oregon Development League, in conjunction with the railway immigration bureau, should be able to accomplish far more in the way of bringing in people, interesting capital, developing our resources and building up industries than could possibly be done by the single-handed efforts of the various localities. The organization of this local club is a step in the right direction and should be followed by every town in the county.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF CLUB. The club will hold its first regular meeting in the Board of Trade room in the Douglas County Bank building Tuesday evening, Sept. 13th, and receive committee reports, adopt bylaws and dispose of such other business as may properly come before it. Every professional, business man and citizen interested in the progress and development of Roseburg and Douglas county is invited to attend and become a member of the Roseburg Commercial Club.

TERRIBLE CARNAGE

Detailed Account of the Great Liao Yang Battle.

KUN RIVERS OF BLOOD.

Fully 50,000 Killed and 12,300 Were Wounded.

MUKDEN, Sept. 9.—A correspondent of the Associated Press who has just returned to Mukden with the rear Russian guard, after having accompanied the army the whole time since the battle of Liao Yang, says the losses on both sides were enormous. As a moderate estimate he placed them at 50,000. He confirms the report that the fighting at Liao Yang recalled in fierceness the sanguinary battles of the American Civil War. General Kuroki's flank movement east of the Russian position precipitated the retreat from Liao Yang.

When the Russians left Liao Yang the town was strewn with corpses of the slain. The Japanese shell fire continued until September 4, when the bridges over the Taitze were destroyed. The Russian's position at Liao Yang were extended for their army to hold. The greater portion of the Russian forces crossed the Taitze during the night of September 2 and engaged General Kuroki with two corps. The fighting on the first day was favorable to the Russians, but the conditions changed at night time. The Russian infantry suffered heavily from shrapnel and rifle fire. The fighting was continued September 3, and September 4.

MORE THAN 12,000 WOUNDED. The accumulation of wounded between Liao Yang and Mukden totaled at the most the resources of the Red Cross. Most of the transport was carried in the roughest kind of two-wheeled carts, but arrangements for providing the troops with food along the line of retreat worked magnificently.

During the five days from August 30 to September 4, 12,300 wounded were treated in Red Cross ambulances, the Sisters of Mercy vying with the doctors in physical courage and resistance to fatigue.

Much of the Japanese success is attributed to the millet fields, in which the Russians were not accustomed to maneuver.

MYRTLE CREEK NEWS.

Items of Interest in the Flourishing Little Village Down by the Placid Umpqua.

Nearly everybody up this way are going to the prune orchards—principally the fair sex.

Mrs. A. R. Mattoon, of Riddle, left Monday for a couple of months' visit with relatives in Missouri and at the St. Louis fair.

The soothing hum of the miner's pick is heard on all sides, and soon the miners will all have so much gold it will make them bow-legged packing it around.

Mrs. J. S. Rice is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. B. C. Whipple, at Dixonville and will remain about three weeks. Her little grandson, Kenneth Bayless, accompanied her.

Mayor Hunsaker and C. O. White left Wednesday for a couple of days' business trip to North Bend, on Coos Bay, where Mr. White is about to make a trade for some real estate.

Jeff Hunsaker, who recently had his foot crushed by the cars, arrived here Monday from Yreka, Calif., accompanied by his wife. They are stopping at the home of his father, Mayor Hunsaker. Jeff's foot is still in bad shape, but is improving under the care of Dr. Seely.

The Free Methodist campmeeting is still grinding out more salvation than you can shake a stick at. Old Satan on South Myrtle is having the tussle of his life this week, but it is hoped the noise will scare him out into the mountains, never to return.

Ed Weaver's 20-acre field of hops just south of town is being picked this week. His and D. B. Dyer's are the only hop fields in this section. It has been found that the soil and climate here is well adapted for the growing of hops that a great many others here will try their luck at it next season.

S. G. Jones circulated a petition this week, and it was generally signed by our people, asking the county court to render monthly assistance to Mrs. Susan Rondeau and six children, who are in destitute circumstances and sadly in need of help. Her husband was killed in a cave-in at a Starveout mine last spring.—Mail.

Oregon Postoffice Robbed.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Sept. 9.—The post-office here was robbed last night. The parties, who are unknown, entered through a back window. They blew the safe open with black powder and secured \$1,025. Of this amount \$325 was cash and the balance in stamps and valuable papers. The robbers then stole a horse and buggy from J. M. Geer and fled toward Portland.

The Myrtle Point Enterprise says that if some women were to cast their bread upon the waters, it would obstruct navigation.—Wonder where Bro. Roberts has been boarding lately.



GOVERNOR VADAMAN AND THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.
Governor J. K. Vandaman, of Mississippi, has been brought into the limelight again by the refusal of the postoffice department to order the name of Vandaman on a Mississippi postage stamp, giving as a reason that the governor had once written an article reflecting on President Roosevelt's mother. This Vandaman denies.

REMINISCENCES OF ROGUE RIVER WAR

Written by "Uncle Sam" Handsaker to Lieut. Stephen Longfellow.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

About April 15th, 1856, McDonald Harkness and another man, whose name I cannot recall, left Fort Leelanau for the meadows with express for our camp. When but two miles away they were fired upon by Indians in ambush, and Harkness was killed, his companion escaping. I am sure that not one of my many comrades who saw the horrible sight we witnessed when the nude body of Harkness, lashed on a pack mule and mutilated in the most horrible manner was brought into camp. Never will I forget the sight the Red Devils had wrought.

This war was carried from start to finish, almost entirely, with volunteers, and in our ranks could be found bareheaded boys and old gray headed pioneers who had but recently left their homes "in the states," and with their families huddled into wagons drawn by the patient plodding ox teams, made the trip to Oregon, after the lapse of six months or more.

Near the last of April some of the Indian chiefs, after a parley with Captain Smith who had under his command seventy-five regulars, agreed to meet him at the "Little Meadows" at a certain time with a view of entering into negotiations for peace. When he arrived he made his camp in the timber, not thinking of treachery on the part of the Indians. After dark two squaws informed Captain Smith that the Indians would attack him early next morning. Orders were at once given to move the camp a short distance to a bald, oblong hill where he expected to have an even chance with the Indians, but did not seem to be aware that not a drop of water could be had for his men. At 10 o'clock the Indians made the attack, but with the assistance of a howitzer and the bravery of his men, the Indians, who were armed with better guns than the regulars, were prevented from massacring the entire company. At the first opportunity a courier was

sent through the Indians' lines in the night to the mouth of the river for more troops which fortunately arrived on the evening of the second day, just as the Indians were ready to make a charge on the almost famished men for want of water. More than a third of Smith's men were either killed or wounded. Our forces during this time were on the way down the river, but it was not until late in the day that we heard the howitzer, miles away. We at once started at the double quick, but when we reached the scene of their bloody fight a part of the Indian chiefs had surrendered. In conversation with some of the regulars, I was told that during the fight the Indians would creep near the soldiers and with forked sticks attempt to draw away the soldiers' blankets, and when the soldiers would raise their heads the Indians would shoot them.

This was the beginning of a permanent peace. In a short time the various tribes surrendered and were at once taken to the Grande Ronde, and Selitz reservations, where remnants of them still exist.

I am sure, old comrade, that not only yourself but the many readers of the PLAINDEALER will breathe a sigh of relief to know that my desultory notes of the long ago are about to close. If, perchance some may wonder why I did not make mention of more of the battles during the six months' war we were in service, my answer would be, other and more competent writers have done this.

In conclusion, it seems unnecessary to remind my old comrades that in the forty-eight years that have passed since we last met many of the old members of company C have answered the final roll call and ere long, we too.

"By an unflinching trust approach like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."
The End.

LOCAL COAL COMPANY ARE WEARY OF TITLES.

Perfects Organization, Elects Officers and Places Stock on the Market for Sale.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Umpqua Coal Company held in the office of Albert Abraham, September 7th the organization of the corporation was completed and the directors and officers for the ensuing year elected.

The officers are: Geo. W. Dimmick, president; Jas. S. Hildebrand, vice president; R. W. Fenn, secretary; J. W. Wright, treasurer. The directors are Geo. W. Dimmick, Jas. S. Hildebrand, Albert Abraham, Rev. Geo. H. Bennett and J. W. Wright.

The company is capitalized at \$500,000, and shares are \$1.00 each. 240,000 shares have been placed in the treasury to be sold for development. A few thousand shares will be sold and are now on the market at ten cents to start the development, but the number of these shares is strictly limited and as soon as a few tons of coal are brought out from the mine and placed upon the market the price of stock will be raised.

Mr. Abraham, while in Portland as a delegate to the American Mining Congress last month, talked with other owners of coal prospects in Oregon and after hearing all their claims, came away convinced that the Mammoth Umpqua vein is the only vein of commercial importance outside of Coos county, known at the present time.

The Umpqua Coal Company has been favored with certificates from local blacksmiths who have used and tested their coal and who are unanimous in the verdict that it is of excellent quality, free from sulphur and splendid for welding and other all force work.

FRUIT ASSOCIATION

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ASHLAND, Sept. 9.—The heavy run at the packing house of the Ashland Fruit Association is about over, though the employees there still have a large amount of business in hand. They are receiving late Crawford's and Muir's and are still getting about a car a day.

Relatively very few shipments have gone to Portland this year. Six cars have been sent east to Omaha, Des Moines and Council Bluffs, two cars to British Columbia and seven cars have been sold in San Francisco.

The stock has been about an average. Some of the peaches have been a little smaller than usual on account of the dry weather. The early Crawford's have not been as firm as usual, but soft quickly after picking and therefore could not stand long distance shipments so well as in former seasons. The crop, according to Superintendent A. L. Kitchen and his assistant, A. C. Guthrie, has been a large one and their business for the season has been very successful.

They have handled 22,000 boxes of Early Crawford's, 1,900 Alexanders, 1,900 Halbs Early and their receipts of the later varieties are heavy. They sold about 4,000 crates of blackberries and that crop is now practically gathered. The Association also sold 37,000 crates of strawberries and has done quite a business in other fruits and also dealt quite extensively in vegetables.

Mr. Kitchen says: "We got better prices for strawberries than was received at any other point on the coast. They were obliged to consign a good many blackberries but for those billed out got nothing less than 60 cents per crate. In the midst of the heaviest receipts for peaches considerable embarrassment was occasioned by their inability to get ice, which compelled the consignment of considerable stock that otherwise could have been disposed of at a better price. The prices received for peaches, as a rule, were 45c, 50c and 55c per crate, according to grade. I. O. B. Ashland in car lots. They were sold outright at a price named here. No consignments have been made of peaches to distant points."

LAST DAYS OF INSTITUTE

It Was a Very Pleasant, Profitable and Successful Session—Attendance Was Large.

On Thursday afternoon Sept. 8, F. Robinson introduced the subject "Southern Mountaineers." He pictured the battlefields of Chattanooga and Gettysburg and scenes along the way of Sherman's march to the sea, and painted a graphic word picture of that sanguinary struggle between the north and south, asserting that the north won not so much by force of arms as by cutting off the resources of the south.

Mrs. R. G. Breeden ably discussed Romanticists in grade work, including the various phases of mythology and demonstrated what prominent part it plays in the cultivation of a child's imagination. She said that stories of myth and dreamland should not be carried far, but that the child's attention should be at the same time called to the realistic in life.

Prof. A. M. Sanders discussed "Human Education," and read a paper by Mrs. Louise P. Rounds, presented by the W. C. T. U. He showed that tenderness is a mark of greatness and illustrated the great influence of home upon the life of a child.

Prof. Resler followed with a descriptive talk on the National Educational Association.

The evening session of Thursday was very largely attended and the program of musical and literary exercises as announced in the PLAINDEALER was well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed. Prof. F. Robinson, of Portland, delivered an interesting address on "The Makers of Tomorrow." He introduced all phases of development from the time of Columbus to the present. He impressed his hearers with the necessity of properly shaping the course of the child's education today that he may be properly qualified to meet the conditions of tomorrow.

FRIDAY. The morning session opened with singing after which Prof. Robinson took up the subject of "School Sanitation and Decoration." He said 92 per cent of the cases of curvature of the spine occur between the ages of five and fourteen years, and gave excellent reasons why school room seating should be better adjusted throughout the country. School room ventilation and cleanliness about the premises was particularly urged. The decoration of school rooms and the beautifying of the grounds with trees, shrubs and flowers was also strongly advocated as a means of making the school more attractive and interesting, which at the same time tends to inspire more local interest and pride in the schools.

Prof. A. M. Sanders followed with an excellent talk on the treatment of school evils, in which he discussed the various difficulties that teachers meet in the public schools.

Prof. E. D. Resler delivered an able address upon the American systems of education. He discussed various schools and systems throughout the country

ARMIES RESTING.

Attack on Port Arthur to be Resumed Tuesday.

JAPS HAD 300,000 MEN.

Armies Will Race for Tie Pass and Again Lock Horns.

CHERPOU, 11.—According to Japanese information from Dalny the grand assault on Port Arthur is postponed until Tuesday, and a still further postponement is possible. The Chinamen who left Port Arthur Sept. 5 say the Russians are preparing to vigorously resist the next assault, for which their spies said the Japanese are making elaborate preparations.

ARMIES ARE RESTING. "The troops on both sides are resting." This information from the Associated Press correspondent at Mukden came in a dispatch filed at 10:55 p. m., Saturday night and coupled with reports received at St. Petersburg Saturday from Kurapatkin and General Sakharoff reporting inactivity in the fighting zone on Thursday and Friday, indicates that since Thursday, because of torrential rains and heavy roads, hostilities have been reduced to a minimum.

The rear guard of the Russian army has succeeded in taking most of its transport and guns through Mukden. The Japanese, however, are reported going there by railroad and the force under Kuroki is in the hills east of Mukden.

CHINESE FORCES WERE 300,000. Chinese reports received at Mukden estimate the Japanese force in the battle of Liao Yang at 300,000 men, of whom 70,000 were Chinese and Koreans. Kuroki reports that after the battle of September 5, the Russians took 10,000 wounded to Mukden, leaving 3000 in the vicinity of Liao Yang. No official figures on losses at the battle of Liao Yang have been given out.

WILL MARK CAMPAIGN'S END. The prevailing idea is that Kurapatkin will not make a stand at Mukden if the Japanese come on again in earnest but that he will retire at least to Tie Pass. Once through the Pass, the general impression in military circles is that the Japanese will not attempt further pursuit. It is reported that the Japanese quietly fortifying this Pass in the hope of cutting off the Russian retreat and demoralizing their forces at this place. If the Japs succeed in reaching the Pass first the great battle of the war will occur there.

THE DUNSMUIR NEWS SAYS THE Southern Pacific, realizing the urgent needs for a hospital in Dunsmuir, is arranging the preliminaries therefor. On Wednesday Superintendent Lutz and Dr. Almsworth, chief surgeon of the system, were in town selecting a suitable location.

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