

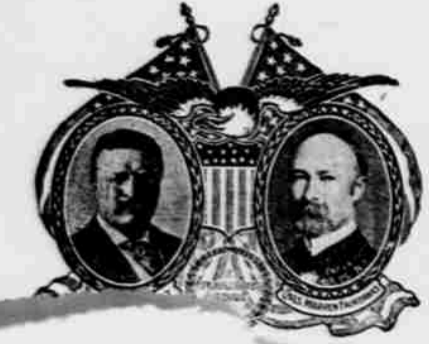
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The speech of Hon. A. C. Marsters in seconding the motion for the adoption of the resolutions passed by the Grants Pass meeting of the Oregon Development League, on behalf of Douglas county, inspired a great deal of enthusiasm, and at once won the sincere approbation of every one of his hearers by his fair, broad-minded and eloquent plea for a unity of action on the part of the Southern Oregon counties in promoting the welfare, growth and development of this part of Oregon. He urged co-operation on the part of Jackson, Josephine and Douglas in a vigorous endeavor to secure the location of the proposed military post in Southern Oregon, and stated that if in the opinion of the military board, Jackson or Josephine counties presented more favorable advantages for the location of the post than Douglas, he felt assured that the citizens of his home county would put their shoulders to the wheel and assist her Southern neighbors in landing the prize. His eloquent address completely dispelled sectionalism or selfishness, if any existed in the meeting, and promoted a broad, liberal sentiment and a resolve for united and harmonious endeavor. In fact, the ex-Senator said just the right thing at the right time, and the entire assemblage, especially the Douglas county delegation, was much pleased with the able and forcible address.

The meeting of the Oregon Development League at Grants Pass Friday was the organization of an industrial movement in Southern Oregon which will mark the beginning of a new era in the growth and development of this part of the great webfoot state. The people of three counties were awakened to the realization that if they are not to be outstripped by the citizens of the northern and eastern Oregon counties in the race for recognition in respect to their great natural resources and advantages for profitable investment, as well as in the matter of securing a full share of the great influx of homeseekers and investors to Oregon next year on account of the low rate to the Lewis and Clark exposition, they must wake up, co-operate with the state organization and put forth a special organized local effort for the growth and development of their respective localities.

That was as fine a compliment as it was fitting and well-merited which was paid our esteemed, worthy and public-spirited pioneer townsman, Hon. D. S. K. Buick, at the Grants Pass meeting of the Oregon Development League, when on behalf of the Roseburg Commercial Club, Hon. Dexter Rice, in a neat speech, publicly presented the venerable Roseburger with a beautiful diamond set gold watch chain bearing the inscription, "Compliments of the Roseburg Commercial Club," engraved thereon, in recognition of the valuable services gratuitously rendered this organization and his years of energetic endeavor in promoting the welfare and up-building of Roseburg and the development of the great natural resources of Douglas county.

When the PLAINDEALER in its last issue predicted that the crimson badges bearing the inscription, "Douglas" would be strongly in evidence at the Grants Pass meeting of the Oregon Development League Friday, the paper proved itself a true prophet. They were seen fluttering from the lapel of nearly one hundred coats and the comment upon the public spirit and enterprise manifested on this occasion by Douglas county citizens was heard on every side, the query "is this a Grants Pass or a Roseburg meeting" being the question of the day.

A London paper thinks Mr. Roosevelt's election is certain. So do we.

There is an idea prevalent throughout the valley that the proposed new electric railroad line is for a light passenger service like we see in the street car systems of the cities. This is a mistake. The line will be motor service both for passenger and freight business, with capacity to haul great trains of heavy freight not unlike those which now travel the country over behind the big locomotives. It is time we were comprehending the magnitude of the scheme now on foot to connect Roseburg and Coos Bay with electric lines for both passenger and freight traffic.

It is a curious and instructive fact that Jefferson's chief assailants in his own day were advocates of peace and opponents of an increase of the navy. The Democrats of today who are opposed to what they call imperialism and the "big stick"—namely, a navy big enough to protect the honor of the flag and the interests of the people—would do well to read a little about Jefferson before professing themselves his disciples.

Half and full page ads are conspicuous in nearly all of the Western Oregon newspapers in which the merchants are bidding for business. Such ads don't cost any more in the Roseburg papers, do they? Brother Wimberly? But perhaps the Roseburg merchants have all the trade they want.

The populists of Oregon have named a ticket for the presidential election this fall. The electors named by the followers of Watson and Tibbals are: P. E. Phelps, Malheur county; J. L. Hill, Linn county; L. H. McMahon, Marion county and G. F. Schmitdein, of Jackson county.

And now comes the announcement that the Japanese army will not go into winter quarters. Judging from the way the Japs keep right on bucking the center regardless of the weather, one would suspect that the Japs regard this war as a football game.—Indianapolis News.

President Roosevelt has decided to recommend a second session of The Hague peace conference in the interests of humanity at which the principles of international arbitration will be discussed and the work begun by The Hague tribunal brought to a final conclusion, if possible.

It should never be overlooked that the common people, the laboring people make any city what it is. They are the consumers and the largest producers of wealth. No rich man or large property owner can make a town or city without the others to live from.

The Idaho democratic state committee has undertaken to read the Boise Capital News out of the party because it refuses to swallow the anti-Mormon plank in the platform. The News is published by Messrs Sheridan & Fisher formerly of Roseburg.

The business men of the entire country want peace. They believe the country will have a period of prosperity during the next four years if nothing occurs to cause a loss of confidence in existing values. Let well enough alone.

The New York World, Democratic, says Roosevelt's letter "reveals him as a strong, able, ambitious, resourceful, militant, passionate personality." Well, what's the matter with a combination like that?

The Emperor of China has an automobile. Tsi An can depend on the machine to keep him busy enough to prevent him from entertaining even a passing idea of interfering in the government.

Russia it is said was "so surprised" to hear that the Lena was in San Francisco bay. She supposed perhaps that she was with her sister ships safely under water.

There is a Greek out in Chicago named James J. Cappathcoorokomountourgestomolos, Esq. He sounds like a discussion of the Russo-Japanese war.

The Japanese soldier receives 45 cents a month. The Mikado should be well enough pleased with recent developments to make it an even half-dollar.

No organization in the history of the world has been so successful as the Democratic party in telling us the things that were not so.

Shippers have been notified that after October 1 a war duty of 10 cents a sack will be taxed on flour entering Japanese ports.

Mr. Beveridge does not "care to make election predictions," but affirms that Parker is to be beaten worse than Bryan was.

The Eugene district fair brought rain when prayer seemed unavailing.

Homeseekers are pouring into Oregon again.

The district fair at Eugene was a success.

AT GRANTS PASS.

Oregon Development League Meeting a Big Success.

DOUGLAS REPRESENTED.

Congress to be Petitioned to Locate Military Post at Some Southern Oregon Point.

The meeting of the Oregon Development League at Grants Pass last Friday was a great success, both in attendance and in awakening an enthusiasm which will bring about a new epoch in Southern Oregon's advancement and development. Many delegates were present from Jackson county in addition to a delegation of 80 progressive and substantial citizens from Douglas county, about 75 being from Roseburg, Grants Pass and other Josephine county points also contributed largely to the attendance at the meeting, while many distinguished citizens of Portland lent their presence and knowledge of Oregon's needs and requirements to make the meeting the desired success. There were speeches, music and enthusiasm, and grapes, melons and fruit from orchards and vineyards of Josephine county, served by the fair ladies of the Grants Pass Women's Club.

MEETING CONVENED.

By 2:30 Friday afternoon the delegates and visitors to a large number had assembled in the spacious Grants Pass opera house and Fred J. Blakely, of Roseburg, vice-president of the Oregon Development League, called the meeting to order and acted in the capacity of presiding officer. Following a well-rendered piano solo by Miss Laura E. Parker, Mayor H. L. Gilkey, of Grants Pass, was introduced and in a very pleasing manner extended the delegates a very cordial welcome on behalf of the city. He said it had only been a few weeks since the Oregon Development League was organized but with its auxiliaries its growth had been so great that it was already a power in the state. He complimented Douglas county upon its enterprise in sending such a large and progressive delegation and said he was proud of the fact that Grants Pass had been chosen as the third meeting place of the Oregon Development League.

D. S. K. BUICK HONORED.

Hon. Dexter Rice, of Roseburg, was next introduced and stated that no state, county, city or town can make the desired progress without organized effort on behalf of their citizens and in these movements there must be leadership. He said Roseburg and Douglas county was particularly fortunate in the latter respect as there had been no industrial movement inaugurated in the county which was not vigorously championed by an honored pioneer citizen of the county who stood near the head of our delegation in this meeting and occupied a place on the platform. Through his loyalty and public spirit he had been untiring in his efforts to promote the growth and development of the county, and therefore on behalf of the Roseburg Commercial Club, he desired to show the appreciation and the gratitude of this organization for the untiring and loyal service rendered it by this gentleman, who was none other than the Hon. D. S. K. Buick, by presenting him thus publicly with a token of esteem and high regard, at this juncture placing in Mr. Buick's hand a beautiful diamond set watch fob, on the back of which was inscribed, "Presented to Hon. D. S. K. Buick, by Roseburg Commercial Club." It was a splendid compliment and so surprised and effected was our venerable townsman in receiving the honor that it was several minutes before he could control his emotions and modestly thank his fellow towns-men for the high compliment paid him.

Hon. E. L. Smith, of Hood River, president of the Oregon Development League, was the next speaker and stated that he was much pleased with the cordial reception and generous hospitality extended the visitors by the citizens of Grants Pass. He said he was well acquainted with Mr. Buick and that the high compliment just paid him was well merited. He said he was proud of the public spirit and enterprise manifested on the part of Douglas county in sending such a large and live delegation to this meeting but that it was all in keeping with this great prosperous county. He then spoke at some length in the interests of the Oregon Development League.

Chairman Blakely thanked Mayor Gilkey for his kindly welcome. He said the mineral belt traversing Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties together with the similarity of the orchard, field and garden products as well as the timber resources of the three counties made the interests of their citizens mutual and they should therefore unite in promoting a common cause—the development and up-building of Southern Oregon. We want

more people to share in our good things and assist in developing this grand country, he said in concluding his remarks.

Tom Richardson, secretary of the Oregon Development League was the next speaker. He said Mr. Blakely neglected to mention the magnificent men and women of Southern Oregon, whom he then proceeded to eulogize. He reviewed the organization with its numerous auxiliaries and the movement is not an experiment, he said, but has been carefully thought out and has proven practical in other states.

The \$5 membership fee paid to the state league by local organizations entitles the local leagues to 1000 magnificent letter heads with the list of all of the state organizations with the names of their officers printed on the back of the letter heads. Therefore the distribution of 50,000 letter heads by fifty state organizations is a big advertisement, besides, this list will also be included in railroad guide folders and in a special edition of the Portland Telegram.

Senator O. P. Coshov of Roseburg, was the next speaker. He said he was glad to be in attendance at this meeting and was pleased to be identified in this great industrial movement. He said, I am a native Oregonian and do not believe any state offers more good opportunities and advantages to homeseekers and investors than Oregon. This is the opportune time for Oregonians to awaken in order to reap their reward in the harvest of new settlers next year.

A. H. Carson, the Josephine county grape grower of the Redland Nursery said, "I will do all I can to assist the league to build up Oregon as I am in hearty accord with the league movement. I believe that every community should organize and co-operate with the state league. Josephine, as well as Douglas and Jackson are mining, fruit, grain and lumbering counties. Yet \$20,000 worth of food for our people is imported to Josephine every year. He urged Josephine people to take hold and encourage the league movement. He said Douglas was not producing a one-tenth part of what it was capable of producing; that the whole Jap army could be maintained on the products of Douglas under intelligent management and full capacity of its producing capabilities. The same conditions existed in Josephine, he concluded.

MR. COHAN'S TALK AND STORY

WE Cohan, the head of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon was introduced and said he was glad to be one of us, at this juncture pointing to the Douglas county badge worn on the lapel of his coat. He said he was in hearty accord with this industrial movement, the more people, the more products and more traffic for his railroad. The Harriman lines have done much to encourage immigration to this state and would do much more he stated. I was proud to receive such a hearty welcome and cordial reception and so much encouragement when I accompanied the Harriman immigration board over the lines through Southern Oregon and receive a fine supply of literature. He concluded his remarks by relating a story which made a great hit. Oregon, he said, should profit by the advice given a young loveless swain by an old friend: The couple having been observed walking in the park nightly, occasioned some adverse comment, whereupon the young lady inquired in confidence of an elderly friend, if she thought there was any harm or cause for criticism in her nightly promenades in the park. No, was the assuring reply, so long as you keep walking. So with Oregon, "keep walking."

Judge W. E. Hale said he saw many familiar faces from Douglas, but few from Josephine before him. I hope your coming will encourage our people to better efforts for Oregon first, Josephine and Grants Pass thereafter. At this juncture the following resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.
Whereas, It is understood that the War Department is considering the proposition of establishing a Military Post for the accommodation of a Regiment of Cavalry, at some point in Central or Southern Oregon, and that Gen. Arthur MacArthur has reported in favor thereof.

Wherefore, Resolved by the Southern Division of the Oregon Development League, in convention assembled at Grants Pass, Oregon, on September 23, 1904:

First, That it is the sense of this League that said Military Post be located and maintained at some eligible site in Southern Oregon, convenient to the Southern Pacific line of railway, and midway to the Pacific coast, and the country lying east of the Cascade mountains.

Secondly, The necessity for such post in Southern Oregon is apparent, in view of its vast area, and of its geographical position relative to the whole state, the state contiguous, and to the unprotected sea coast; the area of Southern Oregon alone, equalling that of twice the size of New Hampshire, or of the combined area of New Jersey and New Hampshire and has an approximate area of 17,000 square miles, counting from the summit of the Calapoia mountains, on the north. In all this vast territory, there is not a single fort, garrison or other national defense, Fort Klamath, in

Southern Oregon, having for many years been the last military post south of Portland, in Oregon. Only two companies of National Guard belong to Southern Oregon. In early years, it was the policy of the Government to maintain numerous Military Posts in this section of the state. United States troops being stationed at Port Orford, Fort Umpqua, Fort Lane and Fort Klamath.

Thirdly, The strategic importance of a post in Southern Oregon is further shown in the many highways to the sea shore, connecting with the different harbors, and with the vast country east of the Cascade mountains, and with California and Nevada on the South and Southeast. Several lines of railway are now in contemplation which are to connect California and Southern Oregon, by the way of the coast, and only a short distance over the Oregon and California line, a railroad from the Southern Pacific railroad has been completed into the Klamath Lake region.

Fourthly, Southern Oregon should be preferred in this matter, as between it and Central Oregon, or the Willamette valley, because that section is already supplied, or in proximity with permanent garrisons of the regular army. Fort Vancouver, on the Columbia river, only a few miles above the mouth of the Willamette river, is practically a part of the latter country; and there is the former garrison of Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia river. No inconvenient barriers separate these posts from quick communication with every part of the Willamette valley, as numerous railways and waterway communications now connect with these National defenses. In addition to these, many companies of the National Guard have headquarters at the various large towns and cities of the Willamette valley.

Fifthly, The climate of Southern Oregon is excellent, no prevailing diseases are found there; while the water is everywhere pure and abundant, food and forage plentiful, accessible and reasonable in price. Numerous most excellent sites abound for the post, containing hundreds or thousands of acres in single tracts, suitable for the purpose, in many portions; and, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Honorable Secretary of War, and General MacArthur, the general commanding the Department of the Columbia, and to each member of the Oregon Delegation in Congress. And be it further

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee composed of the members of the legislature from Southern Oregon and three citizens of each county in said district to promote the interest of this section of the state in securing the establishment of said military post in Southern Oregon.

Jackson—Ray, Davis and Reams; Josephine—Hale, Robie and Gilkey; Douglas—F. W. Benson, A. C. Marsters and T. R. Sheridan.

Ex-Senator A. C. Marsters seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolutions in an eloquent speech on behalf of Douglas county. He was very liberal in his position on the location of the new military post and said it is a question not local nor sectional, but one of the greatest importance to the whole of Southern Oregon. With a post at the head of the Willamette valley and the next one at San Francisco, the new post should be located in Southern Oregon regardless of its superior soil and climatic conditions over the Willamette valley as well as our direct overland transportation facilities to the coast harbors and Eastern Oregon points. He said while we do not anticipate war we have an object lesson in the necessity of being prepared for an emergency, in the aggressiveness and power developed by the Japanese who are winning innumerable victories as a result of thorough preparation for war in time of peace. The ex-senator covered the ground thoroughly and was repeatedly interrupted by applause.

Judge George W. Riddle, a pioneer of Douglas, was called to the platform and said he was pleased with this great industrial movement and with the Grants Pass meeting. He said he was the first individual to open a business in Grants Pass having established a mercantile business here in 1883. He said the success of the Lewis and Clark fair was assured and that it would bring many homeseekers to Oregon; was pleased with the plan of the state League as outlined by Secretary Richards, and would do all in his power to encourage the movement. A flashlight picture of the assemblage was taken by Photographer Clevenger.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was very largely attended and was ably presided over by E. L. Smith, president of the Oregon Development League. The possibilities of this great Southern country and the advantages of their exploitation through the agency of the Oregon Development League, constituted the principal feature set forth at the league meeting Friday

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evening. The mention of the former seemed to rouse the greatest enthusiasm among the delegates; the latter seemed to touch a responsive chord among the Southern Oregon men, and its consummation is probable. On these lines, some of the speakers said:

F. J. Blakely, of the Oregon Development League—Douglas county is as large as two Eastern States I could name, yet its population is nothing compared to theirs. What all Southern Oregon needs is people. If we get the people, the manufacturing and other enterprises will follow.

B. B. Beskman, Jackson county—Every resident of Oregon should show the same state loyalty that Californians do. With that same loyalty, Oregon can become a greater state than California can ever hope to be. H. M. Calk, president Portland Commercial Club—If you can induce the people to believe firmly in their community and state, you will accomplish in this section what the Oregon Development League is endeavoring to do for all Oregon. Southern Oregon mining men should believe in the state at large as they do in their individual properties. We want individual effort.

W. I. Vawter, Medford—What we need in Jackson county is more people and more water. We have two soils, the sticky and the other kind. But let me tell you that soil grows the best apples that the world produces, only instead of 300 or 400 cars we should each year ship 3000 or 4000. I am glad to know that through the efforts of the Development League this condition will be brought about.

Senator Carter, of Jackson county, and R. G. Smith of Josephine county, spoke along similar lines. The evening meeting was interspersed with the following well rendered musical numbers: Piano solo, Miss Ethel Palmer; vocal solo, A. E. Voorhies; vocal solo, Mrs. W. W. Walker; vocal solo, T. P. Cramer. As in the afternoon everyone was invited and expected to visit the ladies of the Woman's Club in the rear of the hall and sample their great stock of melons and fruits free of charge, products of Josephine county which were handsomely displayed on long tables decorated with flowers. At the conclusion of the evening session the delegates were banqueted at the Josephine Hotel and another interesting, successful and profitable meeting of the state league closed.

Address on Good Roads.
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They must all be occupied. We must have more people to consume the surplus stuffs we produce. We must go abroad to do this.

We on the Pacific Coast can never look much for great markets in the Atlantic states. We must look elsewhere. Europe is pressing us closely. With adverse tariff laws in some nations and with increasing limitations of our products in others we must expect the European market to receive less and less of our surplus. It is time to provide for future contingencies. We look to the Orient, and there we find one-half the population of the earth beginning the consumption of such products as we produce. The Asiatic rice-eaters are as fond of flour as we are. Suppose our nation increases our trade to the Chinese alone, only 1 per cent per capita for each day, that would equal \$4,000,000 per day, or \$500,000,000 a year. One bushel of wheat sold the same nation per capita would equal an increased market of 400,000,000 bushels each year. We shall beat our foreign rival in the east as long as we can sell cheaper than he can.

We can cross the oceans cheaper we have but one ocean to cross, while he has three to cross. Now, then, give us cheaper and better land roads at home, from the farm to the ship, and we shall more certainly secure and hold the new markets, of half the world, and hold our prosperity by doing so. To our nation it is a vital question, and today no greater one confronts us in our industrial operations.

Once the government enters on good roads improvements, it will never go back. It will be even more popular than river and harbor improvements, as they benefit only in certain portions, while good roads reach every community in the land. Of the revenues contributed for government support the farmers contribute the most. They now receive the least in direct national expenditures. With good roads improvement they will enjoy a general benefit.

In conclusion I announce my support to any legislation that will contribute a large share of our surplus revenues to the good roads of our country. In that way we shall add to our prosperity, to our defense, and to the everlasting glory and renown of our magnificent Republic.

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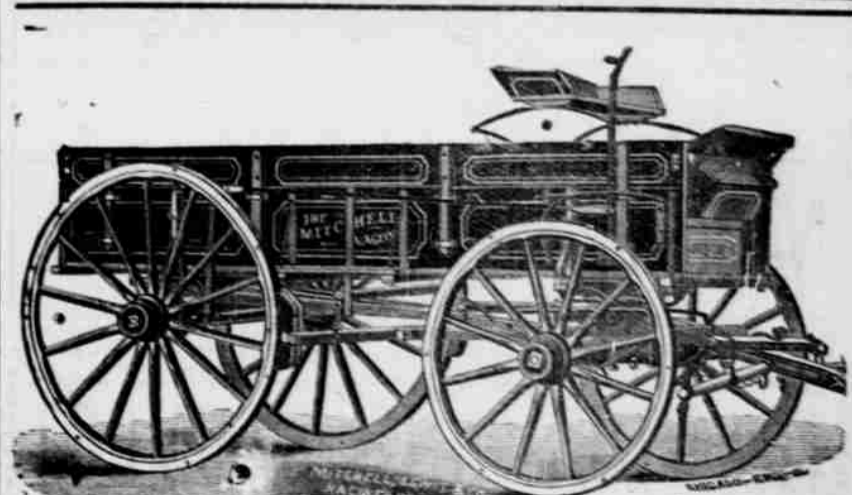
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