

OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CONVENTION

Fifty-three Branches Represented--Enthusiasm At a High Pitch--Eloquent Addresses Delivered.

Portland, April 26.—The big, enthusiastic convention of the state development league is on in Portland. Hood River, with 75 members, sent the largest delegation. Independence and Monmouth came next, with 48 delegates, headed by the Monmouth band. The arrival of each of these delegations was heralded with cheers and appreciative applause of the crowd. Medford, Ashland, Roseburg, Baker City, La Grand and other distant centers of prosperous districts of the commonwealth have representative delegations of about a half dozen citizens from each. Salem, Hillsboro, Newberg, The Dalles, Oregon City, all are well represented, while one delegate each are registered from Joseph, in the far northeast corner, and Crater Lake National Park, at the southern remote section. Both of these delegates hail from regions soon to be brought nearer to Portland by building of new railroads.

Perfume of apple blossoms mingle with the breath of the spring breeze as the annual gathering of the Oregon Development League upon the celebration of its first birthday. That it is a thrifty industrial organization is best evinced by the spirit of friendly rivalry that has been aroused between different localities of the commonwealth. Its initial convention a year ago was the first, when leaders of industrial interest of 33 counties united in formulating plans for a state-wide organization that would bend its energies for all sections, with membership actuated solely by the desire for a greater Oregon. Today delegates assemble from 53 branch organizations, each of which is just as important an integral part of the whole as any of the others.

What has been accomplished is contemporaneous history—the cementing of citizenship in such unity of purpose and harmony of effort as has not before been known, together with the establishment of bureaus of information in each of the localities included in branch organizations, to which homeseekers and inquirers may be referred. Now, on the eve of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, the league hopes to perfect plans by which the most effective results may be obtained from the thousands who will come to Oregon during the coming Summer season.

It is desired to secure special excursion concessions from the railroads by which holders of excursion tickets from outside points may make side trips to different sections of the state at greatly reduced rates. In order to interest strangers in the resources of the state, each branch will be urged to prepare reliable information in compact form concerning their own section, an office will be maintained at the fair where this information may be disseminated, and well-informed attendants will be present to answer inquiries. Officers of the branches will be expected to provide for the care of such visitors as go to their respective localities. These, in brief, are the chief objects which are aimed to accomplish at this session. There will be no election of officers, as the annual convention is held in the middle of the organization year.

Rarely has a more representative body of men and women of Oregon assembled in the state than that which filled the Marquam Grand main floor this forenoon for the opening session. Bankers, capitalists, railroad officials, farmers, fruitgrowers, professional men jostled each other good-naturedly in the lobby while the registration of delegates was in progress, nearly 500 of whom inscribed their names on the list.

Morning and Afternoon Session.
At 10 o'clock, President E. L. Smith called the league together at the Marquam Grand, and introduced Governor Chamberlain, who delivered the address of welcome.

President Smith replied in a neat speech and was followed with enthusiastic addresses by H. W. Good, W. I. Vawter, Tom Richardson and others. Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem, president of the Willamette Valley League, called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. Walter Lyon, a newspaper editor of Independence, secretary of the Valley League assisted him. Addresses were made by Professor E. D. Reesler, president of the Monmouth Normal School, "Education a Feature of Development;" Mayor J. H. Hawley, of Monmouth, "Fine Stock of Polk County;" Hon. Ben Jones, Lincoln county, "Opening Yaquina Bay to the Commerce of the Willamette Valley."

A prominent feature was the report of the committee on transportation. Business meetings and executive sessions will follow.

TEXAS CONGRESSMAN SHOT IN A FIGHT

General Shooting at Hempstead Over Local Option Issue—Two Others Dead.

Hempstead, Tex., April 25.—The company of rangers which was the immediate cause of last night's deplorable tragedy arrived here today. The town is quiet and no further trouble is feared. The death list now numbers three and the injured two. The dead: Congressman John M. Pinckney. Captain H. M. Browne. John E. Mills, a Prohibitionist. Wounded: Roland Browne. R. E. Tompkins, slight wound in the head.

It is understood that Congressman Pinckney favored the Prohibitionists. An election was held here April 20 and the town went "dry." Since then there has been considerable feeling, and yesterday a petition was circulated calling on the Governor to send a troop of rangers to enforce the local option law and preserve order. The petition charged that the local officers were not doing their duty.

A meeting, which had been called during the day, was held last night to discuss the petition. R. E. Tompkins, secretary to Congressman Pinckney, was speaking in favor of the petition when the trouble started. H. M. Browne, a prominent lawyer and Prohibitionist, had been seeking to get the floor after Congressman Pinckney had replied to his protest against the resolution.

Finding that he could not get the attention of the chair, Browne is reported to have begun using language considered offensive to several ladies present, and this precipitated the shooting. No one seems to know who fired the first shot, but when the smoke cleared away Pinckney and Browne were dead and Mills was dying.

Congressman Pinckney is said to have been first to fall, and witnesses say a kinsman of Browne was first to shoot. Congressman Pinckney was born in Texas in 1845, was a Confederate veteran, an attorney by profession and a Democrat.

REDUCED RATES TO LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

On account of Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, the Southern Pacific Co. will sell tickets daily, from May 29th to October 15th, 1905, at the following reduced rates. Individual tickets at one and one third fare for the round trip, good thirty days, not later than Oct. 31st, 1905.

For parties of ten or more from one point, (must travel together on one ticket both ways) party tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, good ten days.

For organized parties of 100 or more, moving on one day from one place, individual tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, good ten days. No stopovers will be allowed on any of the above tickets, they must be used for continuous passage in each direction.

In addition to the above, Coach excursions will be run from time to time, for which individual tickets good only in Coaches will be sold at very low rates.

ALL EYES ON WHITE LAKE CITY

White Lake City, the coming great metropolis of Southern Oregon is beautifully situated on Klamath Lake, is surrounded by 400,000 acres of the best agricultural land in the world. Exceptional opportunities for every line of business and investments. Big Open June 1st 1905. W. W. McNeff, agent for the Oklahoma and Oregon. Townsite Co. will be at the Hotel McClallen for a few days.

Yayhurst Notes

Mrs. Oscar Applegate was visiting in Yayhurst and Skelley last Sunday. John Wagener and Geo. Neuner, of Drain, drove through our valley last Sunday.

Mrs. Flora Long spent a few days here last week visiting relatives and friends before going to her home in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Applegate were visiting Aunt Lucy and Irene Applegate and Mr. and Mrs. John Long last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Love and two children spent a few days in Yoncalla last week. Mrs. Love's baby, who has been quite sick, is much better.

W. W. Love is engaged in shearing his sheep. We may be able to report the output of wool in our next. The "she" is a pet and a "shopper."

Leslie Miller, accompanied by his friend, Ray Taylor, came up from Eugene on the 15th and spent a week's vacation at Leslie's home here.

Ben Huntington Sr. and F. L. Kenney, of Roseburg, made a trip to "Old Baldy" last week. Some one suggested to Frank that he ought to wait and go up there when strawberries are ripe, and Ben, with his usual foresight, "give it away" that he wanted to get Frank there in a way again before strawberry time.

JUDGE BELLINGER DECIDES AGAINST SENATOR MITCHELL

Indictments By Grand Jury Held to Be Good.

THE DECISION CONTAINS OVER 9000 WORDS

Democratic Indictments--Convictions are Doubtful--How the Jury is Drawn. Trial Next.

POINTS IN DECISION.
It is not a disqualification by section 965 of the State Code that the name of a juror is not on the last preceding county assessment roll, and that he is not a taxpayer in the county, and unless such a disqualification can be implied from the provisions of the law for selecting jurors, it does not exist.

The Oregon statute does not permit pleas in abatement to indictment upon any ground.

The only objection which can be taken to the grand jurors by plea in abatement, after they have been sworn and made presentments, "must be such as would disqualify the juror to serve in any case."

A grand juror who reports after the jury has been sworn and charged may or may not be sworn, in the discretion of the court, when there are enough grand jurors without him.

Mr. Heney is a de facto officer, and is entitled to continue in the office until it is judicially declared by a competent tribunal, in a proceeding for that purpose, that he had no right to it.

The court cannot take cognizance of the objections to the effect that Mr. Heney has been very prejudiced against the defendant.

Portland, April 25.—In a decision covering 29 pages of typewritten manuscript, and containing 9000 words, Judge Bellinger this morning sustained every point raised by District Attorney Heney in his demurrer to Senator Mitchell's plea in abatement. The opinion evidences a careful consideration of every law point involved, and is pronounced unimpeachable by Heney, who, with other government officials, is highly elated by the ruling.

Judge Bennett, counsel for Senator Mitchell, takes his defeat as gracefully as possible, and states that it is too early to predict what the next step will be. Senator Mitchell was present during the ruling, and was plainly disappointed. The decision affects the cases of many other defendants, who have been plying their faith on the contention raised by Bennett in the plea in abatement in the Mitchell case. All will be forced to trial, unless they can find new grounds for delaying proceedings.

The court holds that the grand jury was legally organized, and the objections as to the qualifications of the jurors are found to be without force, and there is no defect in the organization which would invalidate the jury.

Regarding the right of Heney to act as district attorney, the court rules that the question could not be raised collaterally, as he is de facto district attorney. The court refuses to consider the allegations of prejudice of Heney against Mitchell, stating that it was a mere matter of opinion, and, even if true, would not suffice to set aside the indictment. Heney's influence with the grand jury could not be affected by his residence.

The court holds that the validity of the proceedings before the grand jury could not be assailed by the plea in abatement, inasmuch as it is the practice in the federal court to follow the state procedure, and such a plea is not recognized by the Oregon statutes.

Williamson and several other defendants were present. United States Attorney Heney is much elated over the decision. He says: "It is a clean sweep, and clears the dockets for the trials in June. There is still a demurrer to be argued but it is a mere matter of form, and the defendants place no reliance on it. This disposes of the attempts of the defense to evade trials."

Land Fraud Convictions Doubtful.
A Portland special of April 25 says: As the land fraud trials drag along the impression deepens that there will never be any conviction of prominent people who have been indicted. So far as Congressman Hermann is concerned, Prosecutor Heney gave that up, and rushed

TEN COALMINERS ARE DASHED TO THEIR DEATH

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 26.—Ten miners were instantly crushed to death today at the Conyngham mine, of the Delaware & Hudson Company. The men were being lowered into the mine, and when 350 feet from the surface the rope broke and the cage fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 400 feet. A rescuing party was at once organized, and they found the bodies of the men in the bottom of the shaft beneath a mass of debris. They were terribly mangled. Superintendent Foote is at a loss to account for the accident. An examination of the rope was made today before the first cageful of human freight was lowered into the mine, and it was found to be in good condition.

SENATOR BOOTH ENTERS HIS PLEA

Judge L. R. Webster Will Conduct the Senator's Defense With A. C. Woodcock.

Eugene, April 25.—County Judge L. R. Webster is to conduct the defense of State Senator R. A. Booth, who was indicted by the federal grand jury for complicity in the land frauds, says the Portland Journal of yesterday. Senator Booth was arraigned before Judge Bellinger at two o'clock this afternoon. A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, who is associated with Judge Webster in the defense of the case entered a plea of not guilty for his client.

Senator Booth is the head of the great Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, whose operations in government lands occupied the attention of the grand jury during most of the last week of its session. He was indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government of a portion of its public domain. His co-defendants are J. H. Booth, his brother, and former receiver of the Roseburg land office, and T. E. Singleton.

The proceedings in court this afternoon were very brief. In the absence of Mr. Heney, Assistant District Attorney Banks appeared for the government. Senator Booth was accompanied only by his brother, County Judge J. O. Booth of Josephine county, and his attorney, A. C. Woodcock. Mr. Woodcock informed the court that Judge Webster would be associated with him in the defense of the case.

Senator Booth and Judge Webster have been close personal friends for many years.

BOUNTIFUL CROPS ARE NOW ASSURED

The weather during the week has been favorable for germination and growth and the soil is in good working condition. A large amount of summer fallowing has been done and the planting of corn, potatoes, sugar beets and garden has been pushed. Spring wheat seeding, except on very low land, is practically completed. All grains and grasses have made excellent growth during the week, and these crops are generally in a very promising condition. The sugar beet acreage in the Grand Ronde valley has been considerably increased. Cut worms have made their appearance in the onion fields of Washington county, but the damage done by them has been slight. Hops are very thrifty; the vines in many yards reach to the top of the poles and their training is in active progress. Stock everywhere is in fine condition; the flow of milk in the dairy districts is abundant; the increase of lambs is above the average, and sheep shearing has become general. Peaches, pears, plums, cherries and apricots have been more or less injured by the late frosts; in some few localities very slight yields are expected, while in other sections the outlook is much better. The late varieties of apples have not bloomed as fast as usual. Strawberries are doing well.

STANDARD COMPANY SLASHES OIL PRICES

Lima, Ohio, April 25.—The Standard today cut the price of crude oil four cents a barrel in the far west, and two cents in the eastern fields. Ohio brings the Kansas oil down to 57 cents, and Indiana oil was cut one cent. This is just one-half the price paid before the anti-Standard agitation begun in Kansas.

Yoncalla Notes

Mrs. Brookhart is employed as nurse for Mrs. Lovelace.

Aunt Susie Smith is very sick and under the care of Dr. Mortenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Applegate were visitors in Rice Valley last Saturday.

Harry McClallen and George Staley were in town from Roseburg Monday.

Mrs. Lauman gave a birthday dinner Sunday for her little grandson, Donald Hellwell.

Dr. Hunt and Z. L. Dimmick, of Oakland, were among the many callers in our town Monday.

Mrs. Lucy Lovelace is very ill and her sister from Coles Valley has taken the little daughter home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Applegate of Yayhurst and Mrs. Clay Long of Monmouth, Or., were visiting at Geo. Applegate's Saturday.

Mrs. Leona Sennett is in the hospital of Dr. Schiefel at Cottage Grove for treatment for abscess in her side, and at last report was very poorly.

We have heard of the wedding at Tangent of Miss Lottie Marsters and Mr. Lloyd Simon. Miss Lottie formerly lived here and has many friends who wish her abundant happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller were in town last Friday to bring their son, Leslie who was returning to school at the State University. Leslie reports that the other Yoncalla boys, Gus Pervt, Ben and Phil Huntington are doing good work.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY SPACE RESERVED AT THE FAIR

Prompt and United Action Needed in Securing and Placing Creditable County Exhibit.

The time is drawing near when the various counties of the state will pack and ship their respective exhibits to the Lewis and Clark fair, and grand old Douglas cannot afford to be behind her sister counties in making a creditable display.

At a meeting of the executive committee of Douglas County Commission for the Lewis and Clark Fair, held at the Douglas county bank Tuesday afternoon, it was found that there is an apparent lack of interest in many parts of the county in the matter of preparing and maintaining a suitable exhibit of Douglas county products and resources at the coming fair. This county has been allotted space for a general exhibit at the exposition and no further time should be lost in taking active steps toward placing therein an appropriate display. No county in the state has more or better natural resources than are found within the borders of Douglas county. What we need is more people and more capital to develop them.

Liberal space at the Lewis and Clark fair has been allotted to Douglas county for an exhibit of her many products and the enterprising citizens of the county and various Commercial Clubs should see that a creditable exhibit is collected and forwarded at the earliest possible date.

Of the state appropriation of \$500,000 for the use of the fair, this county is required to pay in taxes approximately \$20,000. In order to get any definite result from this expenditure in the way of attracting settlers and investors, it is very necessary that a creditable showing of our products and resources be made where the thousands of visitors to the fair may see them and thereby be induced to locate among us.

Coos county is spending over \$10,000 on their exhibit; Jackson county about \$8000, and many other counties similar amounts. In Douglas county the insignificant sum of \$500 has been appropriated, and this on the condition that the citizens subscribe a similar amount. It is the opinion of the executive committee that the county should appropriate not less than \$2000 for this purpose, and that the people of each town and community take up the matter and see that proper samples of the products of their several localities are prepared and forwarded to the exposition. Every producer and every locality will be given proper credit for their exhibits, and the articles will be carried by the S. P. R. Co. free of charge.

The schools of the county now have their exhibit practically completed, and the mixing exhibit is well under way. Besides the expense of collecting and arranging the exhibits, it will be necessary to have an active, wide awake individual in charge of same during the fair, to keep everything in shape and tell visitors about the great natural resources and advantages offered by Douglas county. Prompt, energetic work by enterprising citizens is now needed, and good results are sure to follow for our entire county. Don't wait, one for another, but act now.

ANOTHER COUGAR BITES THE DUST

A Cottage Grove correspondent writes as follows: Another large cougar has been killed near the Bohemia mines. William Hawley and sons, who live 18 miles from here, on the railroad, have been missing sheep all winter. Friday, when on a hunt, the dogs treed a large cougar, which was shot. This makes the fourth cougar that has been killed in that neighborhood within the past few weeks.

ORDER RESCINDED EXCLUDING WOMEN

New York, April 25.—As a result of the rescinding of the order excluding women from the court room, many women and girls were present at the Patterson trial this morning. Walter Norris, desk sergeant at the Leonard-street station, was the first witness called. He identified the revolver secured when Nan was brought to the station. Captain Dennis Sweeney told of a conversation he held with the prisoner after her arrest.

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