

REFORMS FOR "COMMON GOOD"

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imum speed of at least 20 miles an hour for the entire distance.

New Water Code Needed.

This congress heartily endorses the efforts of State Engineer Lewis in his campaign to secure the enactment of a more just and equitable system to preserve water rights and establish proper distribution of water in the arid regions of this state. We recognize that the title in water should be as secure as the title in land and that perpetual franchises and filings upon water powers are inimical to the development of the state. We demand further that the state acquire possession of all franchises that have lapsed or have been left unimproved and are held merely for speculative purposes. Such titles inhering in the state should be leased for power purposes and the rentals placed in the common school fund.

Develop Our Water Ways.

We give our most cordial support to the policy inaugurated by the Rivers and Harbors Congress of expending at least \$50,000,000 annually by the National Government in the improvement of our national waterways. We endorse the recommendation of the Board of Engineers that \$500,000 annually be expended in deepening and dredging Coos Bay harbor and a sufficient appropriation be made by Congress to complete the Jetties at the mouth of Coos Bay to the end that this shall become what nature has intended, one of the great deep sea harbors of the Pacific coast. We demand similar improvement of the harbors and navigable channels on Tillamook Bay, Yaquina Bay, Siuslaw harbor and other ports of entry that are developing manufacturing and commerce. We believe the standing army of industry and the battalions of the dinner-pail brigade are entitled to as much consideration as the army and the navy which we are taxed to support and have always given our loyal and enthusiastic devotion.

Open the Interior Water Ways.

This congress wishes to go most emphatically upon record as approving the policy of liberal National appropriation for the opening of the Columbia river to the head of navigation on both branches in Idaho and Washington and maintaining a deep-water channel from Portland to the sea. The three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho should assist in this undertaking. We believe in the earliest possible completion of the locks and canals at the Falls of the Columbia and the Falls of the Willamette by the cooperation of both state and national aid. These water-falls should never be permitted to be monopolized by private corporation in anyway to the detriment of free navigation as we all recognize that water competition is the only effective force to lower freight rates in the interior of our state.

Investigate the Land Grants.

Resolved that we favor investigation by a competent commission into the history and acquisition of the railroad and wagon road land grants by which alleged military wagon roads were constructed in an early day and under which system nearly one eighth of the unreserved area of this state is held in idleness apparently awaiting only the unearned increment to the end that any frauds committed in acquiring those lands, or any failure to comply with the terms of the grant may be made public and laid bare, and that any equities now residing in the people may be declared in a report the findings of which shall inure to the people thru suitable legislation by congress or the state or by the people in their sovereign initiative capacity. In order, if possible, that such large holdings of public grants may be thrown open to settlement by bona fide residents upon such lands, and that the evils of alien landlordism may be averted. These lands are needed for the establishment of homes and that the vast natural resources which they include may be developed, and we furthermore declare that the owners of these large holdings should bear their just share in the burdens of the counties in which they lie.

Cooperate With Capital.

This congress desires to impress on behalf of the people of western and southern Oregon a sincere desire to cooperate in every possible manner with the great financial geniuses at the head of our transcontinental railroad systems. We realize that our interests and theirs are mutual, that the hundreds of millions of capital invested in railroad property in this state are not only in the keeping of

such men as E. H. Harriman and James J. Hill as trustees for our commonwealth, but that we are, to a great extent the guardians of such properties, and that we cannot injure or assail such corporations by hostile legislation or unjust taxation without harming ourselves. On the other hand, the great master minds in control of the policies and properties so completely dominating our state must realize that they are under a moral obligation to assist in the development of the state by annually devoting a fair share of their profits earned in Oregon to extending their lines therein. They are public service corporations created by the state and they are not warranted in continuing a policy of neglect of any portion of this great commonwealth. The congress representing the great undeveloped areas of Oregon believes that no hold of operations in the United States presents a greater promise of rich reward in constructing new lines of railroad than does Oregon and particularly Coos Bay.

State Aided Railroads.

The Western Oregon Development Congress desires to raise the new issue, that the time has come for the people of Oregon to help themselves and proceed by every instrumentality in their possession to organize and build a trunk line across the state of Oregon east and west, terminating at Coos Bay. We believe the construction of such a railroad would do more to break down the barriers of monopoly and open up the vast unsettled areas and encourage the building of a large city at the seaboard and other large cities in the interior of the state adding hundreds of millions of wealth and half a million to our population inside of ten years. We believe the next legislature should take steps to grant right-of-way for such a railroad over all state lands and pass a bill authorizing the state to condemn right-of-way over existing land grants held by other corporations, and that the state should build, own and operate either electric or other lines in such sections thereof as might be necessary, utilizing the splendid water powers of the state for that purpose, or guaranteeing under proper restrictions the bonds necessary to be issued to raise money for railroad construction where railroad corporations fail to do their duty to the people in building proper and necessary extensions of existing systems.

General Port Commission Law.

Resolved, that the navigable waterways and harbors of the state of Oregon, are an invaluable asset to the commercial interest of the entire nation and their speedy and proper development is necessary that the best interests of all the people may be subserved and fostered; that in view of the importance of such improvement at this time, and the necessity for general legislation in the state of Oregon whereby all property naturally tributary to such waterways and harbors may be made to bear its just proportion of the cost of improving the same, a law should be enacted at the coming session of the legislature of that state which shall provide for the organization of the territory within a reasonable distance of such navigable river, bay, estuary, lake or harbor into navigation districts and the election within each district of commissioners with power to administer the port, maritime and riparian affairs of said district to improve said waterway, to provide necessary conveniences for shipping and to levy a tax for the payment of the cost and expenses thereof; that the Governor of Oregon be requested to appoint a commission which shall, before the meeting of the legislature of the state in 1909, meet together at such time and place as the governor shall designate and draft a suitable law to provide for all the needs of the state in the respect mentioned, for submission to said legislature for enactment.

Signed,

- GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN
Governor of Oregon.
- STEPHEN E. LOWELL,
Pendleton.
- WILLIAM GRIMES,
Marshfield.
- FRANCIS H. CLARKE,
Marshfield.
- B. W. JOHNSON,
President Corvallis Com. Club.
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- Member State Senate.
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NORTH BEND LETS CONTRACT

John G. Horn Will Construct New High School There For \$39,500.

The North Bend school board has awarded the contract for the construction of the new high school building there to John G. Horn, of North Bend, for \$39,500. The highest bid was that of Lemont & Berger, of San Francisco, whose price was \$60,000.00, but as these people were at a disadvantage, not having been over the ground, their bid was not considered.

The bids of the local people were:
Chas. Johnson.....\$42,100.00
C. Maxon.....\$41,571.00
L. E. Metzler.....\$40,763.00
A. H. Getty.....\$39,569.00
John G. Horn.....\$39,500.00

This shows that there was only a difference of \$2600.00 from the high to the low among the local men and a difference of only \$369.00 between the lowest and the next one in line.

Mr. Horn will be ably assisted in the erection of this building by D. Madonna, a new acquisition to the building fraternity on Coos Bay.

Mr. Madonna was brought from San Francisco for the purpose of reconstructing the gas and electric plant at Porter Mill, in which task he is now engaged.

In the school building Mr. Madonna will put in all the concrete work, and in addition to this he will also do the plastering when the building is far enough advanced to receive it.

The other sub-contractors are Duncan Hendry, who will do the painting and the North Bend Hardware & Supply Co., who will furnish the brick, cement, lime, plaster, hardware, sheet metal work, iron work, paints, oils and varnishes, as well as install the plumbing and gas systems.

There will be used in the building about 500,000 Western Building Material Co's. high test Keystone brick, 1000 barrels of Standard Portland cement, 600 barrels of Holmes lime and 110 tons of Reno Hardwall plaster.

Arrangements have already been made to have this material on the ground within a comparatively short time as it is the intention of the successful contractors to rush the work to an early completion.

EASTERN STAR WILL HONOR ROBERT MORRIS

Members of Order in Coos County to Meet in Marshfield Tomorrow to Celebrate His Natal Day.

The annual meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star Association of Coos county will be held in Marshfield, tomorrow, to observe the Natal Day of the founder of that order (Robert Morris).

A large number is expected to attend this year as there has been a general invitation extended to all members of the Order of Eastern Star, in the city at that time. There will be a number of past grand officers present.

Steamer BREAKWATER SAILS for Portland Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 1 p. m.

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