

OREGON-IDAHO DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS OPENS HERE TODAY

PROMINENT MEN UNITE IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP STATE

Speakers Pay Tribute to Coos Bay's Present and Future.

DELEGATES MAKE TRIP DOWN BAY

Largest Number In Attendance That Has Gathered at Any Previous Meeting.

CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY HERE

Will Study Bar and Harbor Question—Other Notable Visitors.

Congressman W. C. Hawley arrived here late yesterday from Roseburg, having made the trip with F. B. Waite and J. H. Booth and wife in a private auto. They enjoyed the trip in.

Congressman Hawley has visited the Bay before and is as ardent and determined as ever to make Coos Bay a great seaport. At the time of his last visit, he expressed the opinion that Coos Bay would and should be made one of the great harbors of the Pacific coast.

Mr. Hawley is greatly pleased at the work being accomplished by the dredge Oregon in the inner Bay. He says that he will do all in his power to allow the dredge Oregon to be retained here until the next session of Congress when he is hopeful of being able to secure a liberal appropriation for the further improvement of the Coos Bay bar and harbor.

While here, he is going to make a close study of the harbor and bar. Local men who have studied the bar question will take up with him the question of having the government's plan for improving the bar changed from dredging to the construction of jetties.

Mr. Hawley will speak at the Masonic Opera House tonight and will have as his subject, "Future Development of Coos Bay Harbor."

Marshfield just a year ago and had come to be a great power in the development of the state. He believed that there were great things to be accomplished in the future by the Congress and extended the welcome of the city to the delegates to this progressive body.

Hofer Stirs Them.

Col. E. Hofer, editor of the Salem Journal, and president of the Congress, was introduced by Dr. McCormac. He gave an extended speech which was full of enthusiasm and roused the audience to frequent applause. He gave a history of what had been done by the congress. He said that the development of a great harbor at Coos Bay and the fight for a district built railroad were the two main things for which the Congress was striving. These two questions were taken up by the Congress a year ago and one great move had been made when the port bill was passed by the state legislature. Col. Hofer told of the needs of a railroad and said that a great belt from Boise across the state to Coos Bay would be opened by a road and developed.

"If Harriman had kept his promises of several years ago when he started to build in here," said Col. Hofer, "Coos Bay would today be one of the great ports of the world. Anybody can see that on looking at the place. But the fences are being broken down and they cannot keep a railroad out much longer. It is bound to come and Coos Bay will get a road in spite of Harriman and hell and high water."

Col. Hofer urged that the people put their stamp of approval on everything that would help out these two big movements. If they kept at it, he said, the voice of the people was sure to be heard and they would get all that they wanted. Oregon today was having more railroad development than any other state and

HERE'S TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS

COOS BAY IS in her glory today! The Development Congress is back home again. And what a robust, lusty lunged one year old it is. Its established record of achievement is splendid. The indirect results of its efforts cannot be measured. To what extent it may be responsible for the great activity of the railway magnates in the Deschutes Valley and all that may result therefrom probably never will be known. Certain it is that it has made the dry bones of inaction rattle so that many men sat up and listened.

So far as we of Coos Bay are concerned there will be but one splendid finale to the superb endeavors of the Development Congress; abundant and unquestioned success. This success must redound and react to the common advantage of every section of Oregon and Idaho. It will be their success as well as ours. While the mantle of happy conception will naturally drape the name and fame of Coos Bay there will be glory and gain enough in it for all.

Success to the first anniversary meeting of the Oregon and Idaho Development Congress. Its results will be recorded in the future uplift of the great commonwealths it signifies and embellishes.

FIVE DROWNED AT SEATTLE

Four Prominent Vancouver, B. C., Women and Driver Killed By Auto Leaving Trestle—Two Saved.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—Four women were drowned last night when an automobile plunged off a trestle in the southern part of the city. They were members of prominent families of Vancouver, B. C., and a fifth victim, Ira Parry of Seattle, the chauffeur and owner of car was well-known and highly respected. The victims were:

Mrs. J. Colvin, wife of a Vancouver shoe merchant.

Miss Agnes Cowan, sister of Mrs. Colvin, and daughter of a leading real estate broker.

Miss Maggie Paul, a teacher at the Seymour school.

Mrs. M. M. Grothe, wife of a Canadian Pacific employee.

Kate Hiscocx and Miss May Paul were also members of the party but they clung to the car and were saved.

EASTERN ELECTRIC LINE MAN HERE

Glenn H. Curtis, Who Has Been Prominent In Interurban Construction In Ohio Looks Over This Field.

J. R. Curtis of Cleveland, Ohio, an electric railway builder, arrived here from Portland on the Breakwater last evening for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of this section and the prospects for an interurban railway out of here. Mr. Curtis did not care to make any statement regarding his plans until he has carefully gone over the field. It has been intimated that he may be interested with the Portland and Salem Interurban people who have been figuring for sometime on extending their line into Coos Bay.

Mr. Curtis has been instrumental in constructing twenty large interurbans in Ohio, Pennsylvania and adjacent territory.

Mr. Curtis plans to spend a week or more in this section.

From the Other End.

George H. Shellenberger of Boise, was introduced to give a report from the other end of the line. He gave some interesting facts regarding the district building of railroads and said that with others he made the trip from Boise to Burns, Ore., to see just what was there. He found a vast empire, large enough to accommodate four or five times as many people as there are now in the entire state, and a country which would admit of great development and be a wonderful producer with a railroad to open it to the world. Mr. Shellenberger said that he hoped to come to Coos Bay on a railroad from Boise in 1912.

Newspaper Men Talk.

John F. Carroll, managing editor of the Telegram of Portland, was called upon. Col. Hofer introduced him as an editor who was always ready to help in any uplift work and one who was greatly respected throughout the state. He was greeted with much applause. Mr. Carroll said he was never so surprised in his life as when he came to Coos Bay. He got up early in the morning and looked around to see the city and was greatly pleased. On account of the place being so far away from a railroad one would naturally suppose that there would be pioneer ways here but his eyes had been opened by the wide awake condition of the people and place and the progress they had made without a railroad.

George Trowbridge, managing editor of the Portland Journal, was introduced as a newspaper man who was a hard worker, a fighter for advancement and a friend of Coos Bay forever. He made a few remarks after great applause but said he would rather leave what was to be said to those who could tell it better.

George M. Cornwall, publisher of

THE CODY LUMBER MILL AT BANDON BURNED LAST NIGHT

HARRIMAN HOME TO GET REST

Sec. Millar Says Magnate's Health Is Not As Bad As Reported.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—E. H. Harriman's return from Europe earlier than expected is simply to admit of his being in his own home and obtain the rest he needs, according to Alexander Millar, secretary of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific who has been abroad with the railroad magnate. Mr. Millar says Harriman's health is by no means as bad as is supposed on this side. Nevertheless, he does not believe Harriman will take any prominent part in business for a few weeks after his arrival.

Fire of Unknown Origin Causes Loss of \$100,000 In Bandon.

EMBERS ENDANGERED MANY BUILDINGS

Col. Coach and L. J. Cody Announce It Will Be Immediately Rebuilt.

(Special Long Distance Telephone to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., Aug. 20.—The Cody Lumber Company's mill here was totally destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning with a loss of \$100,000. There is about \$75,000 insurance in the plant.

The origin of the fire is not exactly known, but it is believed to have started in the boiler room. When it was discovered, it had gained such headway that it was impossible to stay the flames. The night watchman was the first to discover the flames and turned in an alarm at once for the fire department which responded promptly but were powerless to do anything except to save other nearby property.

The Price Shipyards which are immediately adjacent to the mill were in danger for a couple of hours, but were saved by heroic work of the department.

For a time, it was feared that a large portion of the business section of Bandon might be wiped out as showers of burning embers were carried far over the town by the wind. A few fires were started but as everyone was on the alert, the fires were extinguished before serious damage was done.

The fire is a severe blow to Bandon as well as to the owners of the property. The mill employed about seventy men and about seventy more in the logging camps. The mill has been running steadily for some time.

The mill is owned by L. J. Cody of Bandon, Col. Coach of Bandon, and Mr. Moore of Port Huron, Mich. Messrs. Coach and Cody announced today that the mill will be rebuilt at once.

PANIC TODAY IN NEW YORK

Leading Stocks Break Badly and Intense Excitement Follows.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Another episode of liquidation came over the stock market the first hour this morning on enormous dealings. Prices of the more active issues, such as the Harriman stocks, Reading, United States Steel and American Smelting declined two to three points. The excitement on the floor was intense and stocks were thrown over at what ever prices they would bring. Aside from further rumors regarding the health of E. H. Harriman, no news was offered to account for the sensational decline.

"UNCLE JOE" SCORED TODAY

Judge Belford Tells Trans-Mississippi Congress That "Special Interests" Dominate it.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 20.—Speaker Joe Cannon and his political household came in for a scoring before the Trans-Mississippi Congress today when former Judge J. B. Belford of Colorado, sought to show the commercial congress is dominated by the "Special interests." He said the delegates are made to listen to essays carefully prepared for "infantile minds" and then explained by a few leaders. He said he did not see any use in coming here to sit still and be injected with few spoonfuls of rhetoric. If this is going to continue, he said, and "we are going to pattern after our illustrious national house and its political czar, let somebody say so and lay down the rules in black and white."

A fight is probable in the resolutions committee over a resolution commending the work of Gifford Pinchot. It is believed that objection will be made to any such sentiment coming from the Congress as a whole.

300 FIGHT FOREST FIRE

Conflagration Wiping Out Timber North of Lake Coeur D'Alene Today.

(By Associated Press.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—Battling desperately but almost helplessly, 300 farmers and timber men are fighting a great forest fire three miles wide, which is sweeping through the splendid fir and tamarack timber north of Lake Coeur D'Alene today. The fire has been in progress forty hours and all efforts to check its progress so far have been futile.

TODAY'S WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Wheat closed as follows: September 29 7-8c to \$1.90; December, 96 1-8c; May 99 5-8c.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—Wheat unchanged.

STEAMER FLYER will leave at 8:30 Sunday morning for Charleston Bay. Everybody come.

"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.

Dr. McCormac called the meeting to order and delivered the address of welcome. He told of some things which the city lacked a few years ago, but which it had since secured and said the people were proud of what improvement they had made. He told how Tom Richardson of Portland, came here about two years ago and raised money for the organization of the Chamber of Commerce and the advertisement of the city and said that great good had been done thereby.

He also called attention to the fact that the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress had been started in