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Citizens Meet to Form Port Association.

Last Friday evening one of the most enthusiastic and best attended citizens' meetings ever held on the Bay, was held in the Toledo City Hall. The meeting was called to order by electing Attorney Oscar Middlekauff of Yaquina as chairman and Lee Wade as secretary. Mr. Montgomery and a number of our prominent citizens then made short talks telling how, as the government did not see fit to improve our bay and river, by removing the small bars, snags, etc., thereby opening it up to navigation, we could take it upon ourselves and form the district surrounding Yaquina Bay into a Port, said port being empowered to issue and sell bonds. The money from these bonds being used to improve the bay and river. A committee of five was appointed to canvass the county, holding meetings in the different localities and creating enthusiasm.

This committee is also to appoint sub committees in the different localities. Those appointed on this committee were, Lewis Montgomery, Oscar Middlekauff, J. F. Stewart, C. B. Crosno, and E. J. Avery. Money was subscribed to defray the expenses of this committee. A motion was made and carried that this be known as the River & Harbor Improvement Association, with Oscar Middlekauff as permanent chairman, and Lee Wade as Secretary-Treasurer.

After this committee has made a canvass of the county or district, and if their plans are accepted and thought feasible by the people, an election will be held and the Port proposition submitted to the people.

Government engineers have estimated that \$50,000 will remove all obstructions to navigation so that vessels carrying one million feet of lumber can load at Toledo.

We will then be able to market our potatoes, apples, cattle, lumber, stone, coal, and in fact everything we have, without paying out all the profit for transportation.

With this bay open as a commercial center, Newport will become one of the largest summer resorts on the Pacific Coast, while Elk City and Toledo will be manufacturing centers. In a few years the shores of Yaquina Bay will be covered with manufacturing enterprises.

The committee held a rousing meeting at Elk City Wednesday, at which J. C. Dixon was elected chairman and Chas. Allen secretary. It was voted unanimously to create the port. The committee will hold another meeting at Newport next Monday, and another at Eddyville within a few days.

Toledo Development League.

The regular meeting of the League will be held at the City Hall on next Tuesday, January 25, at 7:30 p. m. A full attendance is desired, as we will elect officers for the ensuing year. Come out and let us continue to work together for the benefit of our home town. The presence of every citizen is desired.

C. B. Crosno, Secretary.

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in session here the 5th, is 12 mills. This levy is a few mills higher than last year. In nearly every district in the county special road and school levies have been made. Consequently taxes will be high in most districts, but our people want more and better roads and schools and are willing to pay the price.

It behoves the people of Lincoln county to keep the Fruit Association alive and in good working order. Everyone who can possibly do so should attend the meeting of the Association to be held in Toledo on February the 9th and do his part in accomplishing this. Whether you are a fruit grower or not you should be interested. Come and lend your aid.

At the last term of Commissioners' Court the petitions for ferries across the Bay at Toledo and Newport were continued by the Court. Not that the Court is against the propositions, we believe it is with the people in this matter, but because no definite plans or propositions were presented. We believe if our people will arrange their petitions properly and make their plans perfect and present them to the next term of Court there will be no trouble to get the ferries. That there is need for them there is no question. The people of the south side have been bottled up too long already, and they must have a way to get to the county seat and railroad.

Toledo and all Lincoln county will be the liveliest spot in Oregon this coming Summer. At Toledo the two big sawmills, their logging camps, the light plant, the dredger, the Modern Improvement Company's construction outfit, the ship yards and boat works, the tannery, the rock crusher and road building, etc., besides a number of new houses that are to be built, will all require many men. The railroad building to Newport, that city's water works, light plant and creamery, and many other improvements there will require lots of men. The other sawmills will require their quota of men, besides nearly every road district in the county is preparing to build roads and will need labor. Anyone who is wanting work can certainly get it now.

In Mr. Nash's article on Co-operation in this issue he strikes

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