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Foot-Sore Travelers Arrive at St. Louis After Long Journeys From Distant Lands.

ONE COMES FROM ROUMANIA

Another Starts From Costa Rica and Walks 6000 Miles for Mythical Prize He Hoped to Get.

World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, July 26.—Foot-sore, travel-stained and weary, Renaldo Walco, a British subject from San Jose, Costa Rica, has reached the world's fair, after a walk of 6000 miles only to find that he had been deluded by a mythical prize of \$15,000 which he had heard had been offered by the exposition company to the person who walked the longest distance to attend the world's fair.

Almost at the same moment that Walco arrived another long distance pedestrian arrived at the world's fair grounds in the person of Mauritius Hechter of Bucharest, Roumania, who had also attempted a long distance walk and who had met with defeat.

Hechter started to walk to St. Louis from Bucharest. He undertook to reach here by July 7. He arrived many days late and then only after giving up his journey afoot in Washington and taking a train. The prize he was after was one of 40,000 francs, offered by the Roumanian Tourists' Club, of which Crown Prince Ferdinand is president. Walco had much the longer journey. There was no riding in his path, and every foot of the way he walked. He left the little town of Esparta, in Costa Rica, on December 27. In January, he was in Nicaragua, in February he passed through San Salvador and April 22, he reached the City of Mexico.

THE LEAGUE CONVENTION.

(Special Correspondence.)

Portland, Ore., July 25, 1904.

That the Oregon Development League convention, to be held at the Marquam Grand theater in Portland, under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club, August 2 and 3, will be a magnificent success is now assured. It is desired that all delegates who can do so will be at the Marquam Grand by 9:30 so as to register and receive badges, as it is especially desired that the convention be called to order not later than 10 o'clock and get down to work immediately for complete and effective organization.

There will be but few set speeches and these will be delivered by practical men in the different industries, and after each address delegates to the convention will be given an opportunity to ask the speakers such questions as they desire and to comment upon the facts presented. It has been suggested that it would add greatly to the effectiveness of the work if the delegates from different communities will perfect an organization of their delegation before leaving home.

If each and every delegation will prepare condensed reports of actual production, giving not only the results accomplished by growers and producers but the name of that grower or producer, in the same plain, direct language that an Oregon farmer would use in writing to an old friend in one of the distant states, then we will have matter for the use of the newspapers and the immigration departments of the railroads that will secure results. These reports should be written in duplicate, not only for the use of the Portland papers, but to ensure a complete report of the proceedings. If the convention can take the form of an experience meeting, in which long speeches are left unsaid, and bright, pithy, striking points are made, it will ensure not only the permanency of the Oregon Development League, but will be of benefit to every section of this state.

A round trip open rate, good for everybody, has been put on by the railroads, and tickets are good on all trains arriving in Portland on the afternoon of August 1 and morning of August 2, good to return until August 4, except that fares of 50 cents or less will not be reduced. It is advisable that those attending the convention should get definite particulars from their local agent as to time of the departure of trains.

Residents of Oregon who take advantage of this rate and are not delegates to the convention will be welcome to attend the convention, occupying seats in the balcony and gallery. The seats in the parquet will be reserved exclusively for delegates. Desiring to keep a record of this convention, not only in type but in illustrated form for general circulation, a snap-shot photograph will be made exactly at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 2. The taking of this picture will only occupy a minute or two of the convention's time.

A committee from the Woman's Club of Portland will have charge of a trolley ride to be given to the wives, daughters, sisters and other ladies accompanying delegates to the convention, for which four large cars have been supplied with the compliments of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. This special train of

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Delegates to the convention and ladies accompanying them are cordially invited to attend a reception at the guests of the Commercial Club Tuesday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, and during both days of the convention, the rooms and especially the tower of the Commercial Club, will be open for the use of visitors and delegates. All those who have never had the pleasure of a birds-eye view of Portland should improve this opportunity.

The convention will adjourn in ample time to give all the delegates and the ladies accompanying them an opportunity to enjoy a trolley ride over the city, in which 10 open cars will be used, jointly supplied with the compliments of the City & Suburban Railway Company and the Portland Railway Company. These cars will start from Third and Yamhill streets Wednesday afternoon, promptly at 3 o'clock, and two citizens of Portland will be upon each car to point out places of especial interest.

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