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**CHAMBER COMMERCE MEETING**

SEVERAL IMPORTANT MOVES UNDER WAY—VICE-PRESIDENT COMING ON JULY 15.

A very lengthy and interesting session of the Chamber of Commerce was held last night in the Chamber's new quarters with an attendance on hand as large as the rooms would accommodate and there were, moreover, those who had to remain standing throughout the session who could not find seats.

There were a number of important matters that came up for consideration, the most important of which was the adoption of the report of the special committee which considered the proposition of the Portland, Oregon & Seacoast Railway Company to build a railroad from Astoria to Portland via the Lewis & Clark and Nehalem Valleys.

This report is published in full in another column of this edition and briefly it may be said that the Chamber of Commerce asks all those people who have land over which the railroad wishes to extend its line, to grant rights-of-way free of cost. The report points out that the citizens owning such land and who would thus give free rights-of-way would be doing a great public service, and the Chamber of Commerce stands for the greatest interests of the greatest number. In fact, it could not occupy any other position being as it is a quasi-public institution.

A telegram was received from Vice-President Fairbanks and read before the Chamber fixing the exact date of the Vice-Presidential visit to Astoria as July 15. The telegram states that the 15th of July will be spent entirely in this city and that on that day he will conform wholly to any plans the Chamber may prepare for him. He also states in his message that he will come on a regular train. While he does not know who will be in his party he makes a positive statement that there will be no ladies.

This leaves the reception committee, of which Herman Wise is chairman, free to arrange for a mass meeting at which the Vice-President will deliver a speech.

It was announced that Richard J. Grace, the well known civil engineer at Portland, had accepted an invitation to lecture before the Chamber on the seawall proposition at an early date. Mr. Grace was in the city yesterday and conferred with Manager Whyte on the subject and gathered data for his forthcoming lecture.

The manager reported that pursuant to instructions from the former meeting he has ascertained that the sum of \$100,000 had been appropriated by the recent legislature for the purpose of making Oregon exhibits at the Seattle Exposition in 1909. The Chamber of Commerce has asked the Governor to appoint an Astorian on the Commission of five which will have charge of this fund.

The special committee appointed to report on the feasibility and desirability of having an exhibit at the state fair from this county, the members of which were John H. Whyte, J. Q. A. Bowlby and O. I. Peterson, reported favoring that such an exhibit be made. The matter came up on a former communication from the county court. The Chamber will communicate in detail with County Judge Trenchard. As the report was adopted the promotion committee will have charge of preparing for this state exhibit as this committee has charge of all advertising expedients and the funds for advertising.

This committee ascertained that \$1300 in cash prizes are offered by the state fair board to county exhibitors and with the excellent showing that Clatsop County could make, enough premiums and prizes ought to be secured to make out of the exhibit at the state fair a very profitable enterprise. Instead of the fair costing the county any stated sum of money it ought to be made to produce a revenue over and above all expenses. Columbia county last year put up \$200 for an exhibit and got back \$107 in premiums so that it was not out above an even hundred dollars. The first prizes are worth \$300, the second \$200 and the third are worth \$100. Mr. O. I. Peterson will make a personal livestock exhibit. Mr. Max Stral has charge of the old exhibit which will be taken along to the fair with the new.

A communication was received from the Woman's Club asking the Chamber to go on record in favor of closing the dance halls. A resolution was then adopted by the Chamber as follows: "Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce does hereby go on record as being in favor of the strict enforcement of the law closing the public dance halls."

A resolution was adopted by the Chamber memorializing the War Department through Senators Fulton and Bourne to name one of the unnamed battleships in honor of Astoria. The resolution sets forth that the historical importance of Astoria and the prominent place it had been given in American literature by Washington Irving and others made this request most reasonable.

Several manufacturing enterprises were reported upon and the manufacturing and industries committee will continue to work out the details that

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have been presented from various sources, with apparently good opportunity for results that will count. Manager Whyte reported that President Lewis Russell of the Portland Automobile Club and himself were preparing for a mass meeting in Astoria at which will be considered a plan to build an automobile road all the way from Portland to this city. This proposition is meeting with great favor wherever it has been brought to the attention of the public. The new membership and collection register of the Chamber which is now complete and up-to-date was on exhibition to show one of the few modern methods that are being worked out since the new organization took hold of the Chamber of Commerce. Manager Whyte reported that the Chamber was having printed a pocket edition of a small book containing a membership roster, the constitution and by-laws of the institution, together with the names of all the officers and committees and other useful information. One of these will be sent to every member in due time. Mr. C. M. Cellar, chairman of membership and subscription committee, together with his fellow members will soon begin an active and systematic canvass of the city to secure if possible the name of every good citizen as a member of the Chamber who is not now a member as he should be. Manager Whyte reported a very large bundle of advertising ideas which the Promotion Committee will give due consideration within a few days. These ideas attracted a great deal of attention and in fact on several occasions elicited enthusiastic applause. Before the meeting adjourned a letter was read from William Reid, giving details of the railroad which the Portland, Oregon & Seacoast Railroad Company, of which he is the secretary, proposes to build from Portland to Astoria. In this letter Mr. Reid stated that his road would haul the logs and lumber off of the railroad route to Astoria or Young's Bay, for the owners of the land, at any rate of freight that the Oregon State Railroad Commission would allow, however low. But he was anxious that the right-of-way be secured at once in order that immediate construction could be begun and pushed.

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