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### INTER-STATE CONGRESS AND ITS WORK

### REPORT OF THE O. I. D. CONVENTION AT SALEM AND ITS GOOD SUGGESTIONS

Salem, Ore. Feb. 1, 1909. The Oregon and Idaho Development Congress in convention assembled in Salem, wishes to thank the Oregon Legislature for its prompt action in promoting the protection and improvement of our waterways and harbors, by extending the terms of the bill for Free Locks and Canal at the Falls of the Willamette, for passing the General Port Commission act, under which each of the harbors on the west coast of the State can organize a taxing district to raise revenues and issue bonds for its own improvement and within its own resources. We favor the further extension of improvements of the Columbia River and would respectfully petition this Legislature to make provision for extending the state portage railway to the beginning of navigation at the Big Eddy, to the end that the Inland Empire reached by the Upper Columbia may be given the fullest benefits of water transportation.

We commend the splendid work done by the General Port Commission asked for by this Congress at its session held in Marshfield in August, 1908, and appointed by Governor Chamberlain, which resulted in the passage of the bill by their Legislature by which the people can go forward and improve their harbors and inside navigable channels without waiting for the action of Congress in behalf of each of these harbors. We especially commend to our delegation in Congress to impress upon the War Department the duty of assisting the people of the Columbia River basin, the Willamette Valley, and the ports which are taking the initiative to secure the opening and improvement of their harbors and waterways.

We urge upon the Legislatures of the State of Idaho and Oregon to prepare and submit to the people of their respective states under the referendum provisions of the constitutions, an amendment to such constitutions, providing that counties, districts and municipalities shall have power to issue bonds in aid of railways in and through such states.

This congress endorses the suggestion of having a commission of prominent citizens of the State appointed by the Governor to work out a plan safeguarding the interests of the people, and submit the same to the Legislature and the people of the State of Oregon whereby the citizens of certain districts, counties or municipalities within this state may lend the credit of those districts, counties or municipalities to the construction of railroads therein.

The continued diversion of the great sums of surplus earnings taken from the producers of this state in freights and passenger fares to develop railroad properties in other states where stronger competition prevails makes it necessary for the people of this state to resort to all the powers vested in them under the constitution to secure railroad construction, and we recommend that the next session of congress be held at Boise, Idaho, before the adjournment of the Legislature of that state and that a similar com-

mission be authorized to be appointed by the Governor of that State to work in co-operation with a Citizens Commission in Oregon that joint action of the two states be secured to bring about railroad construction by the aid heretofore outlined.

This Congress again emphasizes the supreme importance of placing the whole political and executive and legislative power of the two states of Oregon and Idaho back of the proposition to secure the construction of main line of railway from Boise through Central Oregon to Coos Bay, by use of the taxing power of the people, by granting state rights of way over public lands, or any other lawful means of procedure; in issuing bonds or hypothecation of the properties benefited and the communities and lands to be enhanced in value. We also favor the creating of districts needing other trunk or branch lines for the same purpose, backed by the resources of the people and the lands to be benefited to the end that their credit shall become available to secure needed transportation facilities without awaiting the pleasure of any railway magnate or the exploitation of any financial syndicate. We endorse the principle that the people of these commonwealths are far more capable of helping themselves and will get far greater results in development of their country than by giving enormous subsidies which in the end must be paid by the producers themselves for still further financial exploitation.

We urge that the Federal Desert Land Act be amended so as to enlarge its efficiency in the reclamation of arid lands by requiring the claimant to show that improvements and work thereon have resulted in actual production therefrom to a certain and ascertained value, the purpose and intent of such amendment being to encourage scientific farming, whether by systems of soil culture known as dry farming, or with, or without artificial irrigation.

We have a strict enforcement of the spirit of the Reclamation Service act requiring the expenditure of funds within the state from which those funds are derived, for the reclamation of the arid lands in that state by the sinking of wells and other legitimate methods of prospecting for water, to the end that the Reclamation Service undertake the construction of the Malheur project in Oregon and the completion of the Payette-Boise projects within the two states.

It is the belief of the delegates to this congress, that the Oregon-Idaho Congress has been a source of great benefit to the people of the states of Oregon and Idaho, and that that it is deserving of the support of all the people within those two states.

We wish to impress upon the counties, cities and commercial organizations, the importance of this movement and to urge them to co-operate with us by giving the Congress their moral support and by having delegates in attendance at future conventions.

We extend to Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain of Oregon, the thanks of the Congress for the interest manifested by him in its objects and purposes since its organization.

We extend to the citizens of Salem, our thanks for the entertainment afforded us and our appreciation of the courtesies shown us while in their city.

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### A BLANK DAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—No new jurors were secured in the Calhoun case today.

### GREAT INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION MEET

### UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO TO CONFER AT WASHINGTON SOON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Arrangements for the North American Conservation Conference between representatives of the United States, Canada and Mexico, at the White House, February 18, are going forward rapidly, following the cordial acceptance by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier, and Earl Grey, Governor-General, of Canada, and President Diaz of Mexico, of President Roosevelt's invitation to send delegates. The conference will discuss the situation with regard to the natural resources of the respective countries and help prepare a general plan adapted to promote the welfare of the Nations concerned in accordance with President Roosevelt's suggestion.

This International Conference will meet at the White House by President Roosevelt's invitation. It will not be a large gathering as was the Conference of Governors at the White House last May, or the joint conservation Conference last December between the National Conservation Commission, the Governors and the representatives of State Conservation Commissions and Conservation Committees of National organizations.

The attendance will be limited to the representatives of Canada and Mexico and representatives of the State Departments which can render particular assistance to the Conference in their deliberations, and the National Conservation Commission.

Canada has already taken active steps in preparation for the Conference and recently sent to the National Conservation Commission a number of carefully prepared maps which show the present status of the public lands of the Dominion as well as the distribution of the principal natural resources and the development of its transportation systems. The Canadian authorities have also gathered together and sent to the Chairman of the Commission a comprehensive collection of Government documents bearing on the natural resources of the country. These have been carefully indexed and bound together according to subjects. They will be used at the forthcoming Conference.

President Roosevelt feels that the connection between the United States and the two Nations which lie to the North and South is so intimate that they can consider their mutual interests with regard to natural resources from the standpoint of the general welfare of the continent with small regard to the political boundary lines which separate them. Indeed, it is said that he considered inviting Canada and Mexico to the first Conservation Conference at the White House but that he refrained from doing so because he was unwilling to run the remotest risk of asking these two Nations to associate themselves with the Conservation movement before it was certain that it was going to succeed. Now that success is assured he feels that since the two Nations have identical interests and identical aspirations they can work together along conservation lines just as the representatives of the States work together without regard to State boundaries.

### PUGS ARE PINCHED.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 1.—What promised to be a lively prizefight between two local pugilists, a white man named McCall, and a colored fighter named King, was nipped in the bud by Deputy Sheriff Taylor and a posse which appeared on the scene of the proposed fight on the outskirts of the city yesterday afternoon. About 250 eager spectators were disappointed. No arrests were made.

### DIFFICULT SUBJECT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The formidable task of criticizing the poems entered in the woman suffragists contest for the purpose of securing "Singable" lyrics will be started tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that by Wednesday night the lucky gainer of the palm will have been chosen. It will not be necessary to read more than two or three lines of some songs to determine whether they are worthy of consideration was said by one official.

### DIAMONDS; BLOODHOUNDS.

MONTEVILSTA, Colo., Feb. 1.—Burglars yesterday broke into the jewelry store of W. H. Poole and

secured \$3500 worth of diamonds, watches and jewelry, escaping without leaving a trace. Bloodhounds from the Canon City penitentiary will be put upon the trail.

### A TEMPERANCE UNION.

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"Signing the pledge" is no new thing, as is proved by researches in Italy. Interesting particulars of what would appear to be the earliest examples of written pledges to abstain from gambling and excessive drinking are given in the Turin Studi Medievali by Signor Giovanni Bisarolo, who has discovered three such documents in the archives of Milan. The first of these records is an oath sworn on the gospels by Giacomo Pasquali and Arnaldo Duca to the effect that for two years they will abstain from gambling in Pavia or within three miles thereof and will likewise refrain from inducing others to gamble on their behalf. The penalty for any breach of this oath is fixed at 5 soldi, payable to Paolo Bovatorio.

In the second document Perano de Bono promises Uberto de Proto to abstain from gambling for a certain period, exception being made on behalf of the game of bismentiro, at which, however, he was not to lose more than 2 denari on any one day. Further, he undertakes not to visit any inn for drinking purposes before the hour of vespers on Monday. A breach of either clause of the pledge involves the payment of 5 soldi to De Proto. By the third document Sileto Ferrario expressed his willingness to pay 12 denari to his brother Lamperio should he be persuaded to play for money in any place of public resort or to spend more than 2 denari on intoxicants in any one day.

The motive for these contracts is not stated, but it is presumed that they were entered into by employees whose masters wished to keep their proclivities in check. There is nothing in the documents to suggest the existence of any organization for the promotion of temperance. The honor of being first in the field in this respect therefore still rests with Germany, where two temperance societies were founded in the sixteenth century.

Of these the Order of St. Christopher was formed by Sigismund de Dietrichstein on Jan. 18, 1517, and the Order of Temperance by the landgrave of Hesse on Dec. 25, 1600. The members of the one order were pledged to abstain from toast drinking, and the members of the other undertook not to drink more than seven glasses of liquor at a time, and that not oftener than twice a day.—Chicago News.

### A PARISIAN RUSE.

The Dressmaker's Lure That Ensnared the Americans.

Grace Margaret Gould tells in the September Woman's Home Companion some of the ways the Parisian dress-making establishments sell their goods to American women. Here is one ruse that she saw worked in one of the biggest establishments in Paris:

There was a sudden and evident commotion among the employees. "The princess! The princess! She has arrived!" they cried.

American eyes began to bulge. Out from a magnificent equipage stepped a regally gowned grand lady, attended by footmen and maid and received by the whole bowing establishment, to the neglect of all other customers. She was in a gracious mood this day and easy to be pleased, praising their past efforts and selecting several of their new creations without regard to cost. After she had made her departure amid like ceremonies there was no need of the saleswoman bothering her head over suggestions. Every American woman present wanted a gown copied from the one the princess had bought, and she got it after much pleading and at a price far beyond the limit she had set.

And the point of this fable is this: The princess was no princess, but an employee of the house.

Every French gown has two prices—an American price and a French price. It is needless to say which is the greater price.

Along about April the cry goes up, "The Americans are coming!" and then the prices go up too.

Along about November, when the Americans have left, you might almost say they are giving away gowns, only the Frenchman never does give away anything. Then it is that the Frenchwoman in general and the French actress in particular selects her wardrobe.

### Genesis of Books.

"Books" have progressed from the days when they were only woaden rods or bits of bark. For the derivation that which connects "book" directly with "beech," both having been "bee" in Anglo-Saxon, is the favorite one. "Buechstein," the German word for letters of the alphabet, means literally "beech stakes." Many book words go back to such vegetable origin. The Latin "liber," a book, whence comes our "library," was properly the inner bark or rind of a tree, especially of papyrus; the Greek "biblion," whence "Bible" and "bibliophile," meant much the same thing; a "codex" was a block of wood, and "leaf" is obvious.

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### MERCHANDISE DECLINING.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A heavy decline is noted in the merchandise receipts at New York. The total appraised value of imports during the calendar year amounted to \$674,103,168, a decrease of nearly \$200,000,000 with the preceding year.

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