

STATE UNITES ON DISTRICT RAIL PLAN

Growth of the Movement Fathomed by Oregon-Idaho Development Congress Indicates Early Solution of "Railroadless" Problem.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Burns, Or., July 7.—A significant fact in connection with the Oregon-Idaho development congress sessions just closed here was the unanimity of sentiment favoring construction of railroads by the district plan. The delegates to a man pledged their support, and among the many farmers and land owners present not one protest was entered. This harmonious attitude, say members of the congress who have followed the district plan since its inception, several months ago.

"Throughout the state, they say, this solution of the railroad problem for the development of long retarded agricultural sections had found many new supporters, especially among the farmers. This latter fact is pointed out as an auspicious augury for the eventual success of the object for which the development congress was primarily organized.

Coos Bay Spirit Endorsed.
We endorse the splendid public spirit and disposition to help themselves manifested by the people of Coos Bay in undertaking a survey to find a feasible route over the Coast range, and we earnestly urge the committee on the proposed route to take immediate action to secure permanent surveys by districts across the states sought to be developed. This time has come for the cities of central Oregon and southern Idaho to supplement agitation by working to secure final location and right of way and join with the people of Coos Bay in the expense necessary for the completion of such preliminary work, either by joint action across the two states or by districts.

This congress wishes to especially commend to the people of the two states the splendid support given to their fight to secure better transportation by such able daily newspapers as the Capital Journal of Salem, the Portland Journal of Portland, and the Daily Press of Marshfield and Boise, and the newspapers of Idaho and Oregon in general, which are backing this struggle for development.

Resolutions were passed as follows:
Resolved, by the Oregon-Idaho development congress that we urgently recommend the adoption, by the people of Oregon, at the next election of the railroad amendment to the constitution that will authorize them to enact a district railroad law.

Improvement of Coos Bay Harbor.
We heartily approve of the action of the Oregon legislature in creating a general port commission act, under which any general harbor, on Coos Bay and other Pacific coast harbors are being improved and made navigable for the shipping of the world by the enterprise of its own citizens.

This congress further petitions the senators and representatives from the states of the Pacific coast to support legislation for the improvement of Coos Bay, to the end that it may become one of the world's great deep water harbors.

Be it further resolved, that a direct railroad route to the Pacific seaboard would be most advantageous to the people of central Oregon and southern Idaho; that owing to the fact that Coos Bay harbor is nearer to this territory than any other harbor on the western coast; that its harbor is land locked, adequate in size, and sufficient to accommodate large vessels and is underlaid by vast deposits of coal, and surrounded by forests of inexhaustible wealth, together with its commercial strategic position to command the commerce of the orient make it advantageous to the people of central Oregon and Idaho that the western terminus of the proposed railroad be on Coos Bay, and we recommend that our representatives and senators in congress, whenever a survey of the Coos Bay, Central Oregon & Boise railroad shall have been completed, be requested to secure such right of way as may be necessary to obtain the right of way to said railroad across all public lands.

GIRL PUTS ARMED HOLDUPS TO FLIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, July 7.—Mrs. Belle Sandefur, 2115 South G street, has the name of being plucky enough to put to flight an armed holdup. The bandit pointed a revolver at her last night and while most women would have complied with his demand for valuables or have screamed for help or fainted, Mrs. Sandefur simply said:

"I am not to be scared so easily as that by a young man like you," and he fled.

The attempted holdup was perpetrated as Mrs. Sandefur stepped from a Tacoma avenue car at South Twenty-first street about 10:30 last night. The highwayman, who was masked and appeared quite young, jumped from his place of hiding by the roadside and commanded her to hand over her valuables. Mrs. Sandefur defied him and when another man was seen approaching the robber took to his heels. Mrs. Sandefur then hurried home and notified the police, giving a good description of the would-be holdup. Officers are on his trail today.

BURNS IS HOST OF BIG DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS

By Addison Bennett.
Burns, July 4.—Burns is in gala attire. The Burns people have the sash strings out, the doors are all unlocked, and the people from the "out-lands" have possession of the city. "Bill" Grimes of Coos Bay, Colonel C. E. S. Wood of Portland, Colonel Hofer of Salem, the "Boise bunch," consisting of Messrs. Shellenberger, Gibson and Atkinson, have the floor, and everything is in their possession and under their control.

The meetings have been the best ever. I never saw better. There were some delays in "getting in," but they got here after a time, and their delays and the uncertainty of the trip but accentuated the isolated condition of this great inland empire.

Colonel Hofer and the Coos Bay contingent were delayed three days, and



Colonel William Grimes of Marshfield.

reached here yesterday forenoon. Colonel Wood and his party were 36 hours coming from Vale in an automobile. But there is no complaint. These delays are but used as other arguments for better transportation facilities.

Recurring again to the Burns people, the most hospitable on earth, I may say that yesterday they gave us some excitement in the way of a fire. While they disclaim the impeachment I am compelled to believe that they purposely set fire to some sheds and a summer kitchen to show us what their fire department could do, and they did wonders. The chemical engine got out in record time, the old hand engine got busy and had water on the blaze so quickly that the whole affair must have

been prearranged to show us what an old time fire department could do.

Horse Races Are Fine.
And then the horse races yesterday and today were the best I have seen for a long time, and every race was for blood. To cap the climax they had a horse break loose from a livery stable, taking the manager with him, and so tearing down the street to the evident enjoyment and excitement of the assembled guests.

Everybody and his wife or sweetheart in Harney county is here. From 150 and 200 miles they come and are still coming. From the P ranch, from Cutlow valley, from east of Stein's mountains, from Wild Horse, from Erveway—and the town is so full that beds and cots and even floor space in the livery stables has all been taken.

And such a jolly crowd! Not a quarrel, not a bit of drunkenness, not a particle of rovyism. I am inclined to believe that the people of Harney county, in their metropolis, can pull off an event of this kind better than anybody else has ever done.

But perhaps the best part of the entertainment comes from Washington, from Secretary Baugher, who has just thrown open some 55,000 acres of land for settlement under the homestead act, and the land office is besieged by applicants for parcels of land in this beautiful valley. Over 30 homesteads were taken yesterday, and that record will be broken Monday.

Congress Marks Epoch.
Indeed our meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Development congress marks an epoch in the affairs of the great Harney country, and the publicity given the facts shown, will do more for this neglected but favored land than anything that has ever before happened.

Coos has all been discovered! Pueblo mountain, the mountain of copper, is talked about incessantly. The oil and gas fields of the Harney valley are near a certainty that several wells are sure to soon be sunk, and with almost certain success. And for the first time the great Malheur cave is receiving attention as one of the first of the great natural curiosities of Oregon.

The opera houses, where our meetings have been held, has been packed to overflowing at each of the evening sessions, and the day meetings have been largely attended. The set speeches have been good, the running fire of paralogical talks has been crisp and scintillating, and the musical program, recitations, etc., have been of a high order. And the band! Burns has a most excellent band and it has given us fine music on the street and at each of the evening meetings.

As to the speeches I cannot take space to mention them in detail, but the masterpiece of them all was the wonderful discourse of Colonel C. E. S. Wood. Such an exhaustive review of the railroad question was never before given in this state, and the audience listened with rapt attention.

how the work was progressing on the survey and acquisition of right-of-way, and the Idaho delegates detailed the work now being prosecuted to build the first 30 miles of road from Boise to the Snake.

This work on the Boise-Coos Bay railroad may actually be said to be going forward at each end.

Then stepped in the "Burns bunch," with the appointment of a committee of 12 of the leading citizens of the county, all members of the Burns Commercial club, which committee will at once go to work on the survey through this county and securing the right-of-way.

Heretofore people have occasionally said of the meetings of the congress that they were all talk. This can no longer be said for the talk has crystallized and now real and actual flood work is going forward.

The next meeting will be held at Coos Bay on the 20th and 21st of August, and the October meeting on the 15th and 16th of October.

FATHER'S JAG MONEY FOR BABY'S BANK
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, July 7.—After saving his father from Bridewell jail, the 5-weeks-old baby of Max Luevich has \$5 today and is believed to be one of the few poor children of his age that has started a bank account.

The father, who is a tailor, was brought into Judge Newcomer's Harrison street court on a charge of celebrating Independence day with red fire alcohol instead of ordinary explosives. He tearfully pleaded guilty and asked for mercy. In extension of his latter plea, the father held to the view of the court a tiny 5-weeks-old baby who chuckled gleefully at the novelty of a courtroom and waved a friendly chubby fist at his honor, who said:

"I see the temptation was too much for you to overcome. It was my intention to fine you \$5 and costs, but in view of your family, I will let you pay the fine to your baby. You can thank your little one for saving you a term in Bridewell prison. Discharged."

HOLDS UP BANK; GETS SMALL SUM
Everett, Wash., July 7.—A lone robber held up Assistant Cashier E. C. Olson of the Bank of Commerce, shortly before the bank closed yesterday afternoon, wounded Cashier J. L. Lyon and escaped with a few hundred dollars.

He fled on a bicycle to the north end of the city, then turned toward the waterfront. Here his pursuers found the satchel in which he carried his money. It contained only \$15. Deputies and citizens are searching for the man. Bloodhounds have been secured.

Americans at Geneva Jubilee.
Geneva, July 7.—A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the University of Geneva by John Calvin began today with distinguished educators in attendance from many parts of the world. Among the Americans present are President J. G. Schurman of Cornell university, Dr. Charles C. Harrison, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professors Ward and Green of Brown university.

MISSOURI TOWN UNDER WATER

Pattonsburg Asks for Boats to Rescue Citizens on Housetops.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Kansas City, July 7.—Flood waters from Grand river and Big creek inundated the town of Pattonsburg, Mo., last night, and appeals for aid were received here and at St. Joseph today. Several persons are reported to have been drowned and many have been driven to the roofs of their houses by the water.

The town was under 10 feet of water when the appeal for aid was received here this morning and the flood was rapidly rising. The waters swept the town with a suddenness which pre-

cluded the possibility of many of the inhabitants escaping to higher land. They were shut into their houses and as the water rose were forced to seek places of safety on roofs.

Fifty rowboats were sent from here on a special train today and the work of rescuing the marooned inhabitants is already progressing. Similar assistance was sent from St. Joseph.

Pattonsburg is a town of 1500 inhabitants. It is situated in Daviess county, about 60 miles northeast of St. Joseph.

COLONEL TUCKER WEDS FORMER NURSE
Detroit, Mich., July 7.—The marriage of Colonel William T. Tucker, of the paymasters department of the United States army, and Mrs. Myrtle Platt took place in this city yesterday. The pair were married at noon by Justice of the Peace Felix Lemke, and a church ceremony will follow on the return of the couple from a long trip, upon which they started immediately after the wedding.

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