

ASTORIA.

The future of Astoria is a study of interest for any person who has general knowledge of Oregon and some idea of the needs of commerce to be developed in the years to come.

In the future Astoria will become a railroad centre of magnitude. The railroad from Forest Grove, through the Nehalem valley, will be a success in course of time, for its land grant possesses value that will be appreciated if it is not revoked.

In the not distant future Astoria will be indeed "a city by the sea," and will possess its own peculiar connections with sea board districts north and south of the Columbia.

Lumbering will find inexhaustible means of supply in the Nehalem region and the woodman's axe will help reclaim those rich bench lands.

While outlining for Astoria a future based on the resources of the Coast counties surrounding the mouth of the Columbia, reaching northward to Puget Sound and the Olympic mountains, south and east to Willamette and to Tillamook's valleys, we need not forget that she sweeps the broad river with her nets and gathers in the rich harvest of Columbia salmon, that all the treasures of the river fisheries and the fisheries of the open sea may be hers, if she will.

The constitution was then adopted as read, with the amendment that the name be changed to the Columbia River Wool Growers' and Sheep Breeder's Association.

span the Atlantic shore at frequent intervals. The future will plant commercial marts on our rivers and bays as they have been planted on the East-ern shore.

WOOL-GROWER'S CONVENTION.

An Enthusiastic Meeting --- Resolutions Adopted Calling for Protection for the Wool Interests of this Section.

Thursday afternoon, September 27, a large number of citizens interested in the wool industry met at the court house in The Dalles.

The meeting was called to order and Hon. A. J. Dufur elected chairman and Col. Lang secretary.

The meeting was addressed by the chairman, who stated in a few words the object of the convention, and also the importance of taking some decided action to protect the wool industry of the country.

He was followed by Colonel Lang, of the Sun, who also urged determined action in this regard.

Hon. John Minto, of Salem, then addressed the meeting. He represented those interested in this industry in the Willamette valley, and made a stirring speech in favor of an increase in the wool tariff, and also made some pertinent suggestions about ranges and the care of sheep.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the meeting proceeded to permanent organization.

Colonel Lang then stated that if the meeting would be reconsidered he would present a series of resolutions, that they might go before the state and also before the country.

Resolved, That the information of local associations for the careful discussion of such interests, so as to be able to form a correct public sentiment, and to demand a safe public policy, is of the greatest importance.

Resolved, That this convention demand of Hon. J. H. Slater and Hon. J. N. Dolph, United States senators, and Hon. M. C. George, our representative in Congress, that they use every effort possible to restore the tariff on foreign wools to the rates which were maintained previous to the last session of Congress.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and the resolves, which have been adopted by this convention, be placed in the hands of Hon. J. H. Slater, Hon. J. N. Dolph and Hon. M. C. George.

Resolved, That the organization shall be known as the Wasco County Wool Growers' Association.

Resolved, That the object of this association shall be to promote the wool growing interests of this region.

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On motion, the meeting made known their gratitude by a standing vote to their former secretary, Col. Thos. Lang.

A motion was made by Mr. Wigle to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration the subject of riding the country of wild animals.

An amendment was made by Hon. W. H. H. Dufur that a committee of five be appointed to circulate a petition and present the same to the next legislature for that purpose.

The by-laws are as follows:

ART. 1. The stated meetings of this association shall be held at such hours of the day or evening as the president, with the concurrence of the directors, may designate.

ART. 2. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting.

ART. 3. Any person may become a member of this association who pays to the secretary a membership fee of two dollars, and an annual fee of one dollar.

ART. 4. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and seven directors, who shall be elected at the annual meeting.

ART. 5. The meetings of this association shall be held at The Dalles City, the county seat of Wasco county, at such stated times as the president and directors may determine.

ART. 6. The officers of this association shall constitute an executive board, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the executive board to arrange for each annual meeting, and as far as possible notify members of all business to come before the association at its meeting previous to its assembling.

Last spring a large number of fruit trees in two orchards at Franktown, Nev., were girdled by some evil disposed person. At the time the act was done it was thought all the trees were killed, but much to the surprise of everybody, not one has died.

The following persons then came forward, paid their fees and became members of the association:

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