

DENTON WARNS CITY TO GRASP OPPORTUNITIES

The hibernating civic pride of business men in the city who fail to grasp a great commercial opportunity even when it is thrown at their feet came in for a severe grilling at the hands of Walter Denton Monday noon at the weekly business men's luncheon at the Commercial Club. Mr. Denton was alluding to the delegation to the convention in Astoria last week when only two attended—himself and Joe Baumgartner.

After telling how humiliating it was for himself to be at the convention and continually frame excuses to the convention for the absence of the other delegates, Mr. Denton launched into a frank admission for civic adherence.

Must "Pep" Up.
"I tell you, gentlemen," he declared, "You have to pep up. You will have to play team work. You will have to lay aside your petty jealousies, your petty fights and hatreds. For if you don't Salem will not be the second city in the state two years from now."

In answer to insinuations that Astoria has lured him away, Mr. Denton said:
"Astoria did not win me away. If it had I would not have attended this luncheon of business men here now. I would not be here because I would have no further interest in the welfare of the city."

Salem Held Paradise.
"Salem is the most beautiful city under God's blue heavens. When I got off the train here, and was back from the convention, I felt I had returned to Paradise. And I am not flattering either."

"But when I see the great development work that is being carried on in Astoria on one hand, and turn and see the vast possibilities that are overlooked and ignored in Salem on the other hand, it makes me sorry. We should recognize the chances we have here, and develop them. In Astoria they have no petty jealousies. We should have none here. But we should pull shoulder to shoulder, and work in complete accord with only one slogan to go by: "A Better Salem."

Astoria's Growth Told.
Mr. Denton told of the rapid growth of Astoria, and pictured its future as "a city enchanted grown up over night."

"I have been called to account for the publication of a newspaper statement that the farmers are profiting. I want to say that it was not the Salem delegation who said that. And, as you know I am frank, I want to say further that had you business men been there you would no doubt have believed the assertion, whatever it may have been."

Because of the inability to make arrangements at the plant, the business men did not make the announced tour of inspection. Several of the men at the luncheon, among which were

F. S. Barton, Prof. C. I. Lewis, Frederick Schmidt, William McGilchrist, J. R. Hutchason and P. E. Fullerton, gave brief talks in response to an invitation from Manager T. E. McCroskey, telling what they would do for the betterment of the city and club.

Mr. Hutchason said that he would erect a sign at each edge of the city inviting tourists to call at the Commercial Club for booklets advertising this community.

Phez "Ads" Success.
Mr. Schmidt told of the response to the advertisements the Phez company has been running in eastern magazines, when 37 inquiries and requests for sample Phez jams were received in one day last week. Many others, he said, have asked for information about loganberry farms in the county. He wove this into a recommendation that the business men aid the club in furthering advertisement work for the city and county.

Prof. Lewis predicted a prosperous future for the city through its horticultural activities, and said that it will not be long before "Salem will be a second San Jose or a second Fresno—horticultural centers of the west." He said that Salem now is the horticultural capital of the state and horticultural center of the northwest and prophesied only a short time before it will be the leading fruit center on the coast. Much prosperity lies in the furtherance of diversified planting in the county, he said.

Call For Workers On Farms Is Issued

The need of additional men to work on farms, in the timber and in hopyards is expressed again in an announcement Monday at the municipal labor bureau in the city hall. Good wages, and board and room, are paid on many of the jobs, City Recorder Race, in charge of the bureau, said.

Twenty men were needed Monday for immediate work in hopyards, strapping up the vines and plowing, Mr. Race said. He said that for several weeks now he believed he would be able to place any person seeking work.

RUSSIAN OFFER OF PEACE DENIED IN BERLIN REPORT

Copenhagen, Feb. 23.—A semi-official telegram from Berlin denies reports regarding a Russian peace offer to Germany and also denies a report that Germany will participate in peace negotiations between the great powers of Europe and the Russian soviet.

"Germany has been at peace with Russia since the treaty of Brest-Litovsk," the telegram adds.

KING AND QUEEN ATTEND GRANDSON'S CHRISTENING

London, Feb. 23.—King George and Queen Mary attended the christening of the son of Commander Alexander Ramsay and Lady Ramsay, formerly Princess Patricia, of Connaught, at the Chapel Royal this afternoon.

The water used in christening the infant was drawn from the Jordan by the Duke of Connaught when the British crossed the river in the advance of 1917.

SENATE CONSIDERS CONFERENCE REPORT ON RAILROAD BILL

Washington, Feb. 23.—The conference report on the railroad bill passed Saturday night by the house, was called up in the senate by Senator Cummins, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, who obtained unanimous consent for its immediate consideration. Its speedy adoption was predicted. Presenting the conference report Senator Cummins emphasized that the rate guarantee section did not take a dollar out of the public treasury.

"In order to prejudice it among the people it has been termed a guaranty of income," he said. "This is not true. There is a guaranty in the bill of the standard return and against deficits continuing for six months after the railways are returned to their owners; but its necessity is obvious."

He said he merely directed the interstate commerce commission that insofar that was practicable it should be made rates that would yield a net operating income of 5 1/2 per cent "upon the true value of the railway property." The income would depend wholly upon location of the roads, the Iowa senator pointed out, asserting that some roads would earn not more than two percent.

"With respect to the labor provisions of the conference report, Senator Cummins added, "I am utterly unable to understand the opposition which they have aroused among labor leaders, for they leave all free men, whether employees or employers, to do whatever they please at any time, at any place under any circumstances."

Senator Cummins said that \$1,250,000,000 had been appropriated for expenditure by the railroad administration.

"We are now appropriating \$500,000,000 more," he said, "and before the close of the fiscal year we will be compelled to make another appropriation of not less than \$400,000,000; in all \$2,150,000,000. Of this last sum, it is expected the railroads will during the next decade pay to the government the advances so made sums which in the aggregate will reduce the government's expenditures to something like \$550,000,000 and this will represent the loss incurred in two years and two months of government operation."

"The amounts I have given you are government estimates and do not include claims asserted by the railroads and denied by the railroad administration."

Will H. Hays, chairman of the national republican committee, in an address made a plea for "patriotism in pace as well as in war."
He agreed with Vice-President Marshall in advocating the election of a president pledged to "discharge the countless officials and innumerable agents made necessary by the war" and declared "we want more men in politics for what they can give and not for what they can get."
Chairman Hays told his audience that everywhere he finds the people

regardless of past party affiliations, seeking republican success. "The special session of congress recently closed he said, "saved to the nation nearly a billion dollars, and if nothing else had been accomplished by the republicans control except this, it would warrant an overwhelming republican victory."
Senator Robinson demoted Arkansas, one of the conferees and author of the anti-strike provision of the senate bill which was discarded in conference, reviewed the measure at some length, dealing particularly with the labor situation.

"The labor provisions, fairly construed, do not justify the assaults made upon them," he said. "This is not a government of labor organization denying rights of justice to any class of law-abiding citizens."

He added that "this measure becomes a bill of rights for labor," and insured the employment of the power of the United States when invoked, to safeguard those rights.

The president, it was said, was working on his answer to suggestions recently made by the brotherhoods for a tribunal independent of that provided for in the railroad bill to pass on disputes, the suggestion being that the tribunal be composed of employers and workers only.

Some officials inclined to the opinion that Mr. Wilson would again indicate his belief that the public also should be represented.

Charges Against Houser Are Probed

Portland, Or., Feb. 23.—United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys of Oregon, was due to arrive today in Spokane where he will make a thorough investigation of grand jury charges recently returned against Max H. Houser, vice-president of the United States Grain corporation, in which it was intimated that he used the grain markets during the war for speculative purposes.

Mr. Houser requested the investigation. Mr. Humphreys is accompanied by William Bryon, special agent of the department of justice.

SECTIONS OF CALIFORNIA SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Although rain has visited practically every portion of California in the past three days, the feed and water shortage situations in the counties above Sacramento and Mendocino remain acute, according to reports reaching the weather bureau here today. A rain yesterday and last night visited all portions of the state except in the northern counties. Showers are promised for today, tonight and tomorrow throughout the whole state.

The horse became early domesticated in Egypt.

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THREE DEMOCRATS SEEK DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO

Three Eastern Oregon democrats, desiring to attend the national convention in San Francisco next June filed their nominating petitions as candidates for delegates—two from the second district and one from the state at large—with the secretary of state's office Monday morning.

T. H. Crawford, prominent La Grande attorney, is a candidate for delegate from the state at large on a platform which favors the ratification of the peace treaty and the league of nations without material amendments "but with such clarifying ratifications as will announce to the world that there can be no infringement of the safeguards provided by our constitution or our Monroe doctrine."

Nolan Swift, also of La Grande, files as a candidate from the second congressional district. Skiff declares his belief "in the treaty of peace and the league of nations covenant and the nomination of those persons for president and vice-president of the United States who have demonstrated their ability to successfully handle the many industrial problems confronting our nation."

Will H. Peterson of Pendleton also wants to attend the San Francisco convention as a delegate from the second congressional district. Peterson declares for "fewer office holders; greater economy and efficiency in the business of government."

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS TO MEET AT COLFAX IN MAY

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—Colfax, Wash., was selected by the democratic state central committee here today as the place for holding the state democratic convention. May 17 was chosen as the date.

TROCH SHOOTING HIGH

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Rostov-on-the-Don Taken.
London, Feb. 23.—The recapture from the bolsheviks of Rostov-on-the-Don by the Russian volunteer army,

Denikine forces, is reported by the British military mission in south Russia today. The city was taken February, together with 1500 prisoners and 22 guns.

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