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WILL BE OVERHAULED.

The flower of "Uncle Sam's" navy, the battleship Oregon, is likely to be overhauled soon and repairs ordered to an extent that will require the greater part of two years. Regarding this matter a dispatch from Washington, D. C., under date of November 18, is as follows:

The Navy Department expects that the battleship Oregon will remain at the Puget Sound Navy yard the better part of two years undergoing a complete overhauling. Many parts of the ship are to be practically rebuilt. The turret are to be equipped with electric controlling apparatus and fixtures that have become obsolete and are to be replaced by the latest pattern known in naval construction. Work will be begun early in January, as soon as the Oregon arrives from the Phillipines.

From the dispatch we learn that the Oregon will be overhauled in the drydock of Puget Sound. This sets one wondering why Portland does not secure something along this line. She has a drydock that is supposed to be in working order, but for some reason or other ships leave Portland and go to the Sound for repairs and on completion of the repairs return to our home port for cargos. Surely something is amiss. What is it?

It would have been a pretty compliment to the State of Oregon had the battleship, rendered so famous for her service during our war with Spain, been ordered docked at Portland. Of course there is a reason for the Oregon not being, for on the Sound located at Bremerton, there is a government shipyard. But the incident forces one to deal in "ifs" and "might-have-beens." This does not affect the seriousness of the fact that vessels leave Portland and go to the Sound for repairs, later to return to Portland for a cargo. There certainly is incompetence and mismanagement somewhere about the Portland drydock or else this would not be true.

MAY BE SOLUTION.

The crimes of a certain class of colored people are horrifying to the great mass of our people. These atrocities are committed mainly in the south and the crimes and the punishment meted out are shocking to humanity the world over. It may be that there is a partial solution in sight. We fight fire with fire, and it is well known to science that one poison is an antidote for another.

It seems from recent dispatches that Texas is the scene of a movement that may bring about beneficial results. We hear that the better class of negroes of that state recently met in Houston in a body 200 strong for the purpose of arranging to assist the whites in fighting the criminal class of the colored race. It may be that they will be rewarded with a little reduction of crime within the borders of Texas. Should the movement meet with success we may look for the organization of similar co-operative bodies throughout the South ere long.

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Address to the Members of the Portland Business Excursion
From the Citizen's League, Corvallis
November 17, 1905

GENTLEMEN OF THE PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN'S EXCURSION:

Tom Richardson says you want to see the town, so we take you for a walk and hand you this address instead of occupying your time with a speech. We are delighted to welcome you to our city, but regret that you have not arranged a longer stay with us.

The idea of this excursion is a most commendable one, and it must be apparent already to you that it is proving successful beyond your expectations. The cementing of the commercial and social ties, which in the past has been neglected, can but be mutually beneficial. Heretofore there has been more or less jealousy existing throughout the valley toward Portland. We fear that this condition has been due to your failure to reciprocate the visits made by the valley merchants.

Next to being proud of the state of Oregon, we are proud of the city of Portland. We realize the commercial advantages of your city, and her importance to the state, and particularly to this valley. We recognize the benefit that will accrue to the city of Portland and to the state by the improvement of the Columbia bar and river, and stand constantly ready to assist you in furthering such improvement.

The impression prevails that considering their wealth and opportunities, the towns of the Willamette Valley have been forging ahead of the city of Portland. Fully awakened to the possibilities of the state, a spirit of hustle and improvement has become epidemic and it is a matter of universal congratulation that Portland, too, has caught the infection, and is rising from moss-backism to an appreciation of her real duty to the state and its citizens outside her own corporate limits.

It would be a source of great satisfaction to us for Portland to become the greatest city on the Pacific coast, and to that end we are ready to offer you our united strength.

Believing that you are now about to become better acquainted with us we desire to tell you what we are and who we are.

We are the biggest town on the West Side and the best town in the Willamette valley. "Best" because it's "dry." No intoxicating liquors are sold in Benton county. We have a population of 2,500, with bank deposits of \$525,000. Corvallis has one of the largest and best-equipped creameries in the northwest, and its output commands a good premium in the Portland market. We have two modern school buildings, with nearly 600 pupils; we have an \$85,000 court house, a \$20,000 city hall, and churches galore. Our merchants are substantial and their business shows a splendid increase during the past year.

The city of Corvallis has a modern sewerage system, second to no town in the state. Seventy-five thousand dollars of her bonds recently sold to a Portland firm at a premium. This money is being spent in the construction of a modern gravity water system, whose source is a mountain stream, and when you next visit us we will serve you with water equal to your own "Bull Run."

Benton county has the distinction of being out of debt and of having the lowest tax levy of any county in Oregon. She has the best telephone system in any county on the coast; every other family in Benton county can be reached by telephone. Her grist mills grind 600 barrels of flour daily, her saw mills are busy, and she raises the best breeds of cattle, sheep, horses, hogs and poultry obtainable. Her roads are good and her people are prosperous and happy.

Portland's position today is the result of assistance she has received from the Willamette valley, and her welfare yet is largely dependent on the same source. Our interests are identical. It is a fact that the advancement of a city depends on the surrounding country, and the improvement of that country must always be in advance of the improvement of a city. Looking to her own good, Portland should bend her energies to the development of the state at large. The policy of discouraging the location of manufacturing enterprises in towns outside of Portland, can only result in retarding the growth of those towns, and while the securing of such contemplated plant by your own city, may add in one number, it will most certainly result in a negative detriment. In addition to such detriment, this policy engenders a feeling of resentment. Our interests are your interests, and with that end in view, we wish to make some suggestions as to what will benefit us both.

Instead of taking every excursion of Eastern people up or down the Columbia river, why not occasionally show them the Willamette valley? In the valley we have something to look at besides rocks.

Why has so much time and energy been spent in getting appropriations for locks at the Cascades and a canal at Celilo, with never a thought of the Willamette? With a fraction of the money spent there, the locks at Oregon City could have been purchased and the Willamette made navigable to Corvallis the year round. While we do not take the position that our interests are paramount to those of the Inland Empire, we do insist that they are equally important.

Why cannot cascara bark, potatoes and other commodities, the products of the Willamette valley, be sold f. o. b. cars in Corvallis to Portland merchants, for as good a price as Eastern buyers will pay?

Why should the Portland wholesaler be jealous of the Corvallis merchant because the latter does a little jobbing in his own local territory?

Complaint is made that Portland merchants charge Corvallis merchants for "case and cartage," while Eastern firms will sell at a price in competition with Portland to eliminate this charge. Should the Corvallis merchant pay a premium for doing business in Portland?

The number of beef cattle raised on the farms of Willamette Valley is insignificantly small when compared with the number marketed from a corresponding area in Iowa or Nebraska. It is not because we have not the proper stock, nor because we cannot produce feed in abundance, that more cattle are not raised, nor is it because our people are not desirous of producing beef. Possibly the fact that there is no packing establishment in the state sufficiently large to handle the output may offer some explanation, while some of the farmers think they should have more than 60 per cent. of the price paid by the Portland consumer for his beef. May it not also be true that a large packing establishment in Portland would greatly increase the production of pork, and eliminate the annual shipment of Eastern bacon.

We feel that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, which controls the transportation throughout the valley, is not keeping abreast of the development of this rapidly growing section. Not only here but all up and down the valley, there is a crying demand for more cars and better service. During much of the time for several years past, the company has been unable, or at least has failed, to promptly furnish cars to meet the demand. Within the last eighteen months a citizen of this county undertook to develop an industry here, which would have been of material benefit to the county. After waiting for five months for cars with which to ship his output, and failing to get them, he went into bankruptcy and paid only 47 cents on the dollar. Corvallis has only tri-weekly freight service from Portland when she should have a daily service. Portland business men can render no greater service to the citizens of the valley, than by impressing upon the Southern Pacific Company the need of more adequate equipment and better service.

We saw hardwood lumber and ship it out of the state. Why isn't it manufactured in Oregon, into furniture and things?

While you are here we want to call your attention to the Oregon Agricultural College, and its needs. While it is located at Corvallis, it is just as much yours as ours. It is only recently that it has begun to be appreciated by Oregonians. It needs additional funds for buildings, equipment and maintenance. It should have your assistance necessary to place it at least on a par with the Agricultural College of Washington. We want you to send your boys and girls here to school, for the courses and equipment at the O. A. C. are just as well suited to the education of the children of the business man as to those of the farmer. In this connection it will probably be of interest to you to know that the college farm and buildings represent a value of \$650,000; that it has \$85,000 annually for maintenance, of which the state furnishes only \$30,000. It has an enrollment of 700 students.

Your attention has been called to these matters in a most kindly spirit. We are pleased that you have been prompted to make the exploration of Western Oregon during the last three days. During that time you have doubtless been impressed with the fact that there is a Willamette Valley in Oregon, that Corvallis is its heart, and that it is all tributary to Portland.

Now that you have found where we live, we hope your visits may be more frequent in the future, at which times you will always find the latch string out. We feel certain, gentlemen, and we hope that feeling is mutual, that your visit to our city will prove beneficial to us all.

Yours for a greater Oregon and a greater Portland,

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States are Organizing.

"Co-operation" is the watchword by which the Pacific States region will extend its influence and prestige. The movement to bring the Pacific States, Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and the territory of Arizona, into harmonious and combined effort for progress is meeting with great favor and is being favorably commented upon by the press and public of the Pacific States. The commercial bodies of those of the Pacific States which are not already organized into a state central body are taking steps to bring about this important result and when this is accomplished—which promises to be in the not distant future—the state commercial bodies will all work together in one central association representing the whole Pacific States region.

The central association will be built upon sound lines. It will represent the highest type of non-political, co-operative work for progress in the history of the West. The hundreds and even thousands of men who will be brought together in ideas or in association through this central body are the men who support the commercial organizations and are numbered among the men who have hope for the West. Their effort is unselfish for they share results with the rest of the community. The state commercial organizations in turn are representative of the spirit of co-operative effort in the several states. They mean that all the commercial bodies in any one of the Pacific States have "gotten together" and are working with united effort through an established organization which provides the machinery for effective work on a business-like basis.

Even the moral support which one section of the state, or one city in a state, may receive from all the other portions of that commonwealth has a tremendous commercial value. A spirit of helpfulness in a state existing between the different regions enhances the opinion in which it is held throughout the world and has a value not measurable on a commercial basis. By organization this spirit finds a proper outlet in vigorous and continued action.

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