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### HAD ROUSING MEETING.

And Took Decided Action—Citizens' League Busy.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the Citizens' League Tuesday evening, at which time matters of more than passing importance were discussed and action taken thereon.

B. W. Johnson reported for the executive committee, stating that in the matter of free locks and an open river, he had taken the subject up with every commercial body in the state, had mailed a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the Benton County Citizens' League to every club and had urged the newspapers to agitate the matter. The idea of this is to get each commercial club to adopt similar resolutions, the whole to be grouped and sent to our representatives in congress, by which means it is hoped to secure substantial aid in relieving the present situation in the Willamette Valley.

A committee consisting of Mayor A. J. Johnson, B. F. Irvine and August Fischer was appointed to attend the meeting of committees, clubs and shippers in Eugene, and others were invited to go if possible.

A vote of thanks was tendered by the League to David B. Ogden, U. S. Asst. Eng. for keeping the snagboat Mathloma at work for six weeks on the river above and below Corvallis.

The League had previously asked that this work might be done on the upper river, the request being granted by Mr. Ogden. The committee on the "Commercial Club" proposition reported that 100 names had been secured, on a basis of \$25 per member. The League then adjourned to take up the matter of a commercial club.

B. W. Johnson was elected temporary chairman and John F. Allen temporary secretary. The matter of organization was taken up. A motion was made that a committee of five be appointed on permanent organization, and constitution and by-laws. The members of committee are Dr. J. A. Harper, chairman; R. H. Huston, Henry Ambler, E. R. Bryson and Prof. McKellips.

In order to get an appropriate name for the new club it was thought best to appoint a committee to decide the matter, and S. L. Kline, Brady Burnett and J. M. Nolan were named.

A committee on permanent quarters and to consider propositions for quarters, is composed of Brady Burnett, E. E. Wilson, August Fischer, H. W. Kaupisch and O. J. Blackledge.

Another on the equipment of quarters is A. J. Johnson, Thomas Callahan, A. L. Stevenson, Travis McDevitt and E. H. Horning.

A motion was made that B. W. Johnson act as ex-officio member of all committees.

The League then adjourned to meet in two weeks for permanent organization and to listen to the report of the various committees.

The Corvallis club will start with a larger membership and with a firmer financial foundation than has any similar organization in this section, as it starts entirely free from debt.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of building and owning its own quarters and this will ultimately be done, in all probability.

There will be a membership at the beginning of 125 members, and when organized the club will be the most perfect of its kind in the state.

### Dramatic Art.

We get all sorts of theatrical performances, but the plays of Shakespeare are rare, and Shakespeare was the greatest of all dramatic writers. The intelli-

gence of the world has for over 300 years bowed to his genius; but the recent demand for trifling farces, unreal melo-dramas and musical plays, has induced the managers to give that sort of mental papulum to their audiences and the work of the divine Bard has been neglected, much to the regret of the better class of theatre-goers.

So the announcement of the coming of the eminent tragedian, John Griffith in Shakespeare's tragedy, "King Richard the Third" may be regarded in the light of a welcome novelty.

### PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE.

Of Interest in Corvallis—What Is It.

Corvallis is directly concerned in a big "merger" that is, according to press dispatches this week, being planned. The facts are thus set forth:

The consolidation of more than a dozen electric light, traction and power plants in cities of the Pacific Northwest by Philadelphia capital is announced. The properties merged under one management have a valuation of \$6,000,000. Rhodes, Sinkler & Butcher, a banking firm of Philadelphia, are behind the project. Associated with this firm are other Philadelphia capitalists. A. L. Welch of Portland is to be manager of the consolidated properties.

The scheme of consolidation contemplates an extensive development of the Willamette Valley that is bound to prove a strong factor in its upbuilding. Trolley lines are projected to cover much of the rich valley now without modern transportation facilities. Electric power, generated either by mountain streams or by steam plants, will furnish light and propulsive energy to many communities, adding vastly to their prosperity.

Many of these power plants are already arranged for. Desirable sites and water rights on suitable streams have already been secured in many places, while steam plants are now in the process of erection in different cities of the state. Fuel contracts have been entered into for a term of years in some instances, indicating the plan of the Philadelphia capitalists for the development of the state along substantial lines.

The properties so far secured or now held under option by the Eastern bankers, through the efforts of Mr. Welch and his assistants, are the light and power plants at Eugene, Springfield, Albany, Cottage Grove, Corvallis, Seaside, Roseburg, Baker City, Walla Walla, Wash., and Pendleton. Electric plants at Dallas and Albany are owned by the promoters of the consolidation, as are also gas plants at North Yakima, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho.

### Eugene Shippers' Meeting.

"We have had land thieves, and sneak thieves but of all the theiving scoundrels that have come to use the Southern Pacific now proves to be the worst by attempting to strangle the heart's blood out of our industrial enterprises when in their very bud and bloom."

This was the pith of the address made by C. J. Howard of Cottage Grove at the meeting of shippers in Eugene Wednesday to discuss a remedy for the shortage, and it expressed the sentiments of the majority of the manufacturers, merchants, lumbermen and farmers in attendance.

All present at the meeting favored compulsory legislation to relieve the situation. It was a great meeting, largely attended, and it is certain that it will yield good returns.

### ONLY A BLUFF.

So think the People of Railroad Company's Move.

The hop industry of Salem and vicinity was represented at the Eugene meeting this week by Russell Catlin, of the firm of Catlin & Linn, and Louis Lachmund, of Louis Lachmund & Co. The move of the railroad company in raising the embargo, the announcement that an extra boat will be put on the Salem-Portland run and the furnishing of cars at the eleventh hour are looked on by shippers and growers as a "grandstand play" to mollify them and forestall, if possible, enactment of legislation, looking to regulation of railroads. Several representative dealers and growers say they will be satisfied with nothing short of a railroad commission with power to compel the transportation companies to prepare themselves to handle traffic in their respective territories.

There are said to be no less than 20,000 bales of hops waiting shipment. Figuring storage, insurance and interest, the loss will not fall short of two cents per pound for every bale tied up, or an aggregate of over \$40,000 to the dealers alone. This says nothing of the loss to the grower.

Dealers have paid growers as high as \$40 for delivery of hops to the nearest point of shipment on the river when it was impossible to secure cars at the nearest railroad point, from only one or three miles distant. Two firms of dealers alone have an aggregate of 13,000 bales awaiting "immediate shipment," and have been waiting for the past month or more, and three other dealers have an aggregate of nearly 2000 bales tied up in the same predicament.

The worst blow to the dealer is his inability to secure credit upon the purchases, as all his credits in the bank are made subject to "documents attached," and he can neither pay the growers for what he has already purchased and received nor can he receive any further credit on future purchases until he has assurance that he can obtain the necessary bill of lading from the transportation companies. On the other hand, many eastern factories have ceased ordering Pacific hops because the dealers can't guarantee or even "half way promise" immediate or prompt shipment.

The opening of the river to traffic will offer some relief to the dealer in enabling him to procure a shipment receipt and thus restore his credit and relieve him of the responsibility he is charged with both to the grower and the Eastern buyer. Farther than this, they do not look upon the movement as materially effecting the situation, since, unless they are able to ship in quantities of 20,000 pounds or more, they will be required to pay the local shipping rate of about 22 cents per hundred, in addition to the through rate of \$1.50 per hundred across the continent in car-load lots.

### Tom Will Recover.

Tom, the chinaman who was stamped and beaten almost to death by Charley Carns a week ago last Wednesday night, is able to be up and around his house. One eye is still in bad condition and it is not yet known whether the sight has been destroyed or not.

Tom is able now to talk of the affair in which he played the innocent victim role, and he declares that on the night in question when he entered his dwelling Carns and another party were already inside the building and without cause or provocation Carns knocked the old chinaman down and began stamping him in the face. Here Tom lapsed into unconsciousness and the rest of the story is told by others who

arrived on the scene in time to save the aged celestial from a speedy trip to the real "Flowery Kingdom."

Carns has so far been unable to raise the necessary \$1000 bonds and is spending his time in the county jail. If the chinaman had died within ten days it would undoubtedly have been a serious matter for Carns; but now that time limit has passed it is possible that the bonds will be lowered, in which event relatives of Carns will probably be able to put up the necessary amount.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Delivered Before Congress Tuesday—Press Comments.

The annual message of President Roosevelt was delivered before Congress Tuesday. In full, the message occupies 6 columns of space in the Oregonian. A brief editorial mention in that paper says:

"The President's message is very long. It touches upon many subjects and deals with most of them in a spirit of enlightened wisdom. Of old-fashioned polities it contains no trace. From party feelings it is free. The discussions are based upon the broad principles of justice and the conclusions in the main are such as all right-thinking men have accepted already or are prepared to accept without much debate."

On the same subject the Eugene Register says editorially:

"As the guardian of national interest and the exponent of the highest type of citizenship and character, Roosevelt stands out, pre-eminently, the strongest and most commanding figure in American history. He is a man of fine qualities, of most keen preception and never hesitates to divide the right from wrong in everything. His strong sense of justice and equity makes him a safe man as chief executive. His position on all questions of national policy are right because as a man of judgment his discernment is unerring. Moreover, he is an honest man, a conscientious man, who, by training and education hates sham, and admires the real. His message to the present congress is one of the ablest and most comprehensive state papers ever presented to the national legislature by a chief executive."

### OUT OF SORTS.

People not Really Sick are Often Most In Need of Care

The people who are mostly in need of sympathy and medical care are not those who are really sick, but the ones who are dragging themselves around, just "out of sorts."

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B. F. Ireland of Sherman county and Lucy J. Woodruff of Philomath were married at the bride's home yesterday by Judge Woodward of Corvallis.

John McCoy, aged about 35 and married, met with a bad accident just before noon yesterday. While at work at Strong's saw mill, dragging logs out of the river, something gave way and a terrific blow from some of the rigging broke Mr. McCoy's leg. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Pernot.

### JERRY FROM KERRY.

To be Given December 15th at the Opera House.

Jerry from Kerry is a hurrah farce comedy, up-to-date and clean. Clever specialties are the features. The company consists of bright, lively fun makers. Good, earnest work and an evident desire to please makes for this company a favorable impression.

There is a continual round of merriment throughout the performance. New songs, pretty music, charming girls, funny comedians and all the pleasing features one expects to see in a show of this kind. The company includes many well-known and clever artists.

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