

GREAT GATHERING THERE.

All of One Mind at Eugene Mass Meeting.

Remedies suggested for the car shortage situation at the Eugene meeting of shippers Wednesday were:

Reciprocal demurrage.
Railroad commission.
Purchase by the state of railroad lands.

Ascertain the actual value of railroads within the state and cost of operating.

Railroad legislation is demanded, not requested, from the approaching legislature by the Shippers' Congress held Wednesday afternoon and evening. Every speaker assisted in laying bare the car shortage situation from all points, except that of the railroad, and after dilating on specific and general cases, showing the injury worked by the car famine, the delegates cried loudly for remedial legislation. Members of the legislature present promised to render whatever assistance is within their power.

Electrifying public opinion was the object of the gathering, and in this it was a success. This is the first important stand the people of Oregon have ever taken against the railroads of the state, and it is intended that the Eugene meeting will be the pioneer movement of many subsequent gatherings of separate commercial clubs in every town of the Beaver State. It was a gathering devoid of personalities or debate. Every man present with the exception of two railroad representatives, who neither spoke nor were invited to, was of the same mind—he wanted something done to forever prevent another car shortage.

In many respects the meeting was unique. Held under the joint auspices of the Cottage Grove and Eugene Commercial Clubs, there were shippers from every Willamette Valley town. There were no regular delegates and no credentials were asked. No roll call was taken, and there was never a dispute. A more democratic affair, wherein there was neither slate nor prepared resolutions, could not be imagined. The only program was a list of speakers. It was, in fact, a mass meeting of shippers and merchants who have felt keenly the loss of cars, and who see each day their business going from bad to worse, with bankruptcy in sight for many of them.

Choose All Northwest Team.

The Herald is authority for the statement that coaches Norcross of OAC, Bender of Pullman, Baird of Whitman, Bezdek of Oregon and Place of Washington, have given out the following selections as their choices for all northwest teams:

First Team—Chandler of U. of W., left end; Larsen, U. of I. (captain) left tackle; Moulton of U. of O., left guard; Tegmeyer, U. of W., center; Halam, Pullman, right guard; Dimmick of Whitman, right tackle; Moores, U. of O., right end; Owens, Willamette, quarter; Bagshaw of U. of W., right half; Rader, Willamette, left half; McKinney, U. of O., fullback.

Second Team—Spagle, Whitman, (captain), left end; Jarvale, U. of W., left tackle; Knight, Willamette, left guard; Hug, U. of O., center; Thayer, Pullman, right guard; Arnsperger, U. of O., right tackle; Boggs, U. of W., right end; Latourette, U. of O., right quarter; Zacharius, U. of O., left half; Nissen, Pullman, right half; Willis, U. of W., fullback.

Salem Suffers.

A dispatch from the capital city the last of the week tells of conditions there. It says: Slowly but surely the shortage of cars which has existed

ious form for the past two months or more, is sapping the vitality of all the industries of the Willamette Valley. Hopgrowers' market has been brought to practically a complete standstill, it being impossible to secure shipment of a single bale out of the city.

The Salem Mills Company has 8000 sacks of flour stacked up waiting shipment to the Orient but missed the last Oriental steamer because it was impossible to secure Northern Pacific cars for shipment to the seaport. The mill was shut down Thursday evening and the entire force is thrown out of employment.

Serious congestion also exists in the yards of the Spaulding Lumber Company and the management feels it will be obliged to quit operations in the near future if some relief is not provided.

New Creamery There.

K. C. Eldridge, the well known creamery man, is preparing to start a large creamery at Albany and the citizens of that place are naturally well pleased over the prospect. Creameries are certainly doing a rushing business in the Willamette Valley now, as is daily demonstrated by the two Corvallis plants which are working almost day and night.

Mr. Eldridge has plants in several of the neighboring towns and it is stated that the Eldridge plants last year used the product of 7,000 cows and turned out nearly a million pounds of butter. The Independence brand in particular has become noted and is shipped regularly into Idaho and Colorado. The business of the company runs from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per month.

Where Things Are Doing.

S. N. Wilkins arrived home Friday from a week's business trip to Vancouver, Washington, where he recently purchased an undertaking establishment which he placed in the care of W. J. Knapp.

According to Mr. Wilkins things are on the boom in this lively little city, which now has a population of about 7000.

Two months ago, two certain blocks, on which stood a good dwelling, were sold for \$1850, and on his visit last week Mr. Wilkins purchased an adjoining lot for which he had to pay \$1500 and before the deal was closed he refused an offer of \$1750 for the same lot.

City election was held while Mr. Wilkins was there, and the town went "open." There are already 35 saloons in the place. The great amount of money in circulation in Vancouver just now is due to the transient business that drifts in from the big North Bank road that is building along the Columbia.

Mr. Wilkins reports that Attorney W. E. Yates, formerly of this city, is rushed with business in his line and is doing well.

Real Estate Transfers.

J G Wuestefeldt and wife to D F Young and wife, 8c acres near Summit; \$300.

D D Berman and wife to Dollie D Gray, 5 acres near Corvallis; \$1000.

A B Westbrook and husband to Mary Harder, 10 1/2 acres near Albany; \$500.

J J Cale and wife to Mary H. Whitby, lot 4 and South 1/2 of block 3, Dixons add; \$300.

M S Darby to W P Darby and wife, 1/2 interest in 75 acres near Inavale; \$1.

William R Fawver and wife to H W Schenck, 5 1/2 acres east of Monroe.

Almarion Bailey and wife to I W Walters, 1 acre near Bellefontaine; \$20.

A DAY IN ROME.

Described by Prof. J. B. Horner of OAC.

The Gazette takes pleasure in presenting to its readers the first of a series of letters from the pen of Prof. Horner, whose ability as a writer is too well known throughout the state to need comment here and now. These articles will appear in the next few issues of the Gazette and will, we feel certain, meet with popular favor. The entire series forms a lecture just prepared by Prof. Horner, and printed in pamphlet form. The writer tells of his trip to the Orient as follows:

Upon visiting the Louvre my enjoyment of the masterpieces was somewhat short of satisfactory. Many of the most meritorious paintings failed to appeal to me. This is a serious admission. But realizing my want of preparation to understand the talent in evidence, my spiritual nature began to chide my judgment for permitting my intellectuality to presume upon so difficult a task as the subtle analysis of emotion masterfully wrought upon canvas. I was but a child in the presence of masters.

So I turn my back upon the Louvre with the determination of first making a more careful study of the pyramids, the sphinx, massive walls and temples and other grosser works, and, at the end of one year, return again with better preparation for the study of the finer arts. Thus my spiritual nature was pushing up my intellectuality all the while, somewhat like a dragon with open hands pushes the traveler over the marble blocks up a pyramid. It may not be very elegant, but the traveler gets there just the same.

So we went to Egypt to see the oldest and roughest ruins along the Mediterranean. There was the Sphinx with fifty or sixty pyramids as many centuries old; and all had to be seen in one hot day. A pyramid with one thousand miles of desert on one side and two thousand miles of burning sands on the other is a lonely spectacle. Abraham used to come down here to admire these old pyramids, and about five thousand Americans come for the same purpose every year. Reckoning the long space of time between these two dates which the silent pyramids have witnessed, one is led to remark there is nothing old in Oregon.

At the acropolis, where ruin marks the location of the finest art studies in the world, our camera takes a view.

Then to Olympia, where the greatest games of the earth took place; but only ruins now remain.

Then to Pompeii, a city so large that one can now lose himself in the ruins. Here are 1,400 Italians in the employ of the government excavating the old city. Pompeii resembles San Francisco as it appeared last spring after the earthquake and fire.

OLD ROME.

Then to old Rome. The Palatine was the Roman acropolis; for the Romans Quadrata or first Rome was the Corona of this hill. When the city of Rome grew to be more than walls of defense with barracks and homes, it followed the example of Athens in pushing off the acropolis down on the plain below. But this plain located between the Palatine and Capitoline Hill was very marshy. Consequently, the elder Tarquin found it necessary to drain the valley. Accordingly he constructed a drain to convey the water into the Tiber near by. Because the purpose of the drain was to purify the vicinity it was called Cloaca from the word cloaca, to cleanse; and because the drain was so large that a cart drawn by mules might be driven through the whole length of the sewer, it was called Maxima Cloaca. One of the worst punishments ever inflicted upon man, was visited upon a certain class of criminals who were thrown into the Maxima Cloaca and permitted to float with the filth of the great sewer into the historic Tiber.

The Maxima Cloaca is 600 years older than Christianity and it is in such perfect preservation that one upon viewing it can hardly realize it was built more than a decade ago. The Maxima Cloaca is the biggest and the best old sewer in the world.

THE FORUM.

As Rome grew, she gradually spread over the seven hills. Eventually she had a half dozen or more business places or forums, but the greatest of them all was the Roman Forum, which occupied a small space in the little valley between the Palatine and the Capitoline.

The campus, including the Forum, the sacred way and the coliseum, does not extend more than a half a mile in length nor is it more than one fourth that distance in width; yet ruin has replaced ruin, and stone has been built upon stone so that every inch of the Forum is historic.

Gradually this little market place or forum increased in importance until the business interests and destinies of the world were discussed and determined here. So historic is this locality that fountains have been called lakes; chapels, temples; and men, gods.

Learn to Think Right.

What a bore is that rattle brained woman who can never tell a story straight, remarks an exchange. She undertakes to tell you of something she has seen or heard. The result is simply a confused jumble of "what's his name and thingumbobs and so and so's and something or others and all that sort of thing and over there somewhere." This woman's brains are not compact. They practically rattle around in her skull. She is never accurate either in her thought habit or in her work. Don't let the rattle brain habit take hold on you. When you pretend to listen to anything, listen carefully, concentrating your mind on the story. Note in your memory the main points. Get the mental habit of exactness and accuracy.

The writer of this item is right, as many a reporter can testify. Of all aggravating things about the worst is to have someone start in to relate a first-class item, only to wind up without facts, names and dates to aid the listener in securing a clear and connected story of what has happened.

Learn to think straight then talk straight, out of mercy to your listener.

Must Help Themselves.

A writer in an exchange declares that Willamette Valley people must help themselves if they ever expect to be helped at all, in the matter of an open river. Some of the things this individual says are worthy of attention, as they are certainly truth.

"You must learn now that if you get anything you will have to depend upon yourselves to get it, and not depend on others. Work for free locks on the river, and for the opening of the Yaquina Bay harbor. Succeed in getting these two and you will get great relief. You have been imposed on long enough in paying extra toll in getting your produce to market, and shipping your supplies back again. You can't depend very much for help from committees who are talking greater Oregon, but giving all their time and influence for the Columbia River, and no voice for improvement this side of Portland.

It looks as though Greater Oregon was centered in Portland. You hear very little about buying the Locks or opening the Willamette river, compared with what you hear about the improvements on the Columbia river, and nothing at all about the opening of Yaquina Bay harbor which would be of the greatest benefit to the people in this part of Oregon.

Of course, we favor the improvements on the Columbia river, because that is one of our natural outlets, but we, in this valley, and western Oregon, have another natural outlet that we desire to have opened and improved, and should this be accomplished we feel sure that it would be of much benefit to "Greater Oregon."

LETTER LIST.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Corvallis postoffice, for the week ending Dec. 8, 1906:

Mrs T N Armstrong, C J Brown, Miss F C Thompson, L J Waterson.
B. W. JOHNSON, PM.

"What are you laughing at?" we said to a fellow this morning, with a broad grin on his face, so broad that it made the top of his head look like an island surrounded by mouth. "What in the world are you laughing at?" I am just thinking of that show I saw at the opera house last night, Jerry from Kerry."



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