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Majority Report of the Committee on Commerce.

The following is the report of the Committee on Commerce, to the Farmer's Convention, which met at Salem last week, which was adopted: For commercial advantages Oregon is behind no State in the Union, both for foreign and domestic trade.

Your committee would at the earliest lay down this proposition: that any State or country having within her own borders a good harbor with a safe and easy entrance, and a capacity to accommodate foreign and domestic trade, that it is of vital importance to the State or country that she pursue a policy encouraging a trade with foreign countries, so that all foreign articles consumed may be brought directly within her own domain from the country producing them, and that all articles of export may thus be sent directly to the best markets.

What blessed things Saturday nights are, and what would the world do without them? They are the moments in the twinkling of an eye, those little twilight hours in the broad and girlish light of noon, when pale yellowish light beautiful through the shadows and faces "changed long ago, smile sweetly again in the dusk; when one brother and the old-fashioned tree, and the old and the little brother that was "tarnished."

The bigger closes with a clank; the individual visits come to a bang; up go the shutters with a will; click goes the key in the lock. It is Saturday night, and business goes again. Homeward, ho! The door that has been ajar all the week gently closes behind him; the world is shut out, silent, in order. Here are his treasures, ever and not in the vault, and not in the family Bible—and not in the bank.

First, the Columbia river, above Tugboat, obstructed by bars and shoals that ships cannot employ most profitably in foreign trade, carrying large cargoes, cannot pass at any season of the year, or under any circumstances. The large class of ships which carried wheat to foreign ports during the past season, after all expenses of towing and pilotage up and down the river, suffering delays by grounding and in waiting for high tides to float them over flats and bars, had finally to take in from one third to one half of their cargoes at Astoria, lightered to them by steamboats or barges from Portland.

Your committee are satisfied that a persistent effort to make any other place the commercial depot than the mouth of the Columbia river, which is vitally injurious to the best interests of the State, debarring her from a successful foreign trade, and would keep her as she now is, in the background, possessing no better ports than her own, and with less natural commercial advantages.

In view thereof, of the foregoing facts, your committee would recommend that the farmers of Oregon to transport their surplus produce direct to the seaport, especially their wheat and other heavy produce, there to await shipment to the best market at the least possible expense and handling, keeping it under their own control, until finally sold. By placing cargoes of wheat in store at Astoria, the freighting to that point may be reduced 15 or 20 cents per cent, and the charter of ships to take it to a foreign market may be obtained on much more reasonable terms than were obtained during the past season. Your committee are of the opinion that the commercial interests of the State are not sufficient

General Davis Interviewed.

BOYLE'S CAMP, June 11.—As General Jeff. C. Davis' vigorous, though comprehensive and, as many men of dispassionate judgment believe, enlightened proposition in reference to the

impresioned in this camp has provoked a quiet but official and military circles, and believing that a clear statement of his idea and contemplated action in the premises is of general public interest, as well as a matter of justice to him, I have obtained permission to publish the gist of an interview held yesterday afternoon.

Question.—General Davis, will you have the kindness to relate to me your proposed action in regard to the Modoc murderers and the reasons therefor? Answer.—Certainly, sir. When I arrived at the camp I found the troops engaged in war with the idea and intention of the Government, who had revolted against its authority and were fighting mercilessly and neither giving nor expecting quarter.

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Constitution of the Farmers' Union.

The following is the Constitution and By-Laws of the Farmers' Union, adopted at the session held last week:

Article I. The name of this organization shall be the "Oregon Farmers' Union." Article II. The objects of this Union are declared to be as follows: 1st. To promote a concert of thought and action among the agriculturists of Oregon in matters pertaining to their interests.

Article III. The Corresponding Secretary shall correspond with such officers, firms, persons, corporations or associations as the Union may by resolution direct or the Board of Directors request, and preserve copies of all communications forwarded by him, and also preserve all answers received by him.

Article IV. The Union shall consist of Delegates from Agricultural organizations. Each Club, League or Grange shall be entitled to one member, at least, and one additional member for each 25 members or fraction of 25 members over.

Article V. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present at any regular meeting of the Union. Provided, That no amendment shall be passed unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at least one day before it is put upon its final passage.

Article VI. The Clubs, Leagues and other organizations sending Representatives to the Union shall facilitate the Union in collecting any information which the Union may deem necessary in carrying out the purposes of the organization; and it shall be the duty of the Union to distribute among the various subordinate organizations such information as it may possess, through its appropriate officers.

Article VII. Each organization, in sending delegates to this Union, shall pay to the Treasury one dollar for each delegate annually, until otherwise provided by resolution of the Union.

Article VIII. The President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and three other members appointed by the Convention, shall constitute the Board of Directors, whose duties shall be to see that all resolutions and orders of the Union are carried into effect.

THREE HUNDRED MURDERS.

Committed by your people within the limits of the present generation. Along the shores of this beautiful little lake, in view of which we now stand, are the graves of over 60 victims of Modoc barbarity, all murdered by your immediate ancestor in one brutal act.

Article VIII. The compensation of officers of this Union shall be such as may be provided by resolution of the Union.

Article IX. The Board of Directors will see that the various officers are provided with suitable books, stationery and postage-stamps, to enable them to perform the duties of their offices; and to this end it will be authorized to use the funds of the Union for that purpose, filing their vouchers of such purchases with the Secretary to enable him to keep a correct account of all the purchases made and properly expended for the use of the Union.

Article X. The Secretary shall receive \$3 per day for each day actually employed in attending the business of the Union. The Secretary shall draw his pay upon the certificate of the presiding officer certifying to the number of days' service performed.

Article XI. The officers of the Union shall consist of one President, two Vice-Presidents, one Recording Secretary, one Corresponding Secretary, and one Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the regular annual meeting, excepting the first election, which may be held by the Convention adopting this Constitution.

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