

The representatives from various parts of Oregon and Washington who have been in session in this city in the Columbia Waterway Convention, have concluded their labors, and this morning return to their homes.

"What good is done?" "What practical work accomplished?" has been asked. That depends on two things, the need of expectation and the amount of "good" possible to accomplish.

The practical good, the tangible result, is not immediately visible. If a body like the Waterway Convention could meet and raise a large sum of money and "do something," "right away," probably, while that would seem to be very practical, and the proper thing, yet it might turn out that there was not so much progress being made after all.

The subject under discussion by this body is so vast a one: it concerns so many people: it is in the thoughts of so many minds: it affords so interesting a field for hypothesis, theory and generalization, that it is, of necessity, very slow to crystallize into anything like shape.

The inception of this convention was a long step forward in the direction of a free river: its several sessions are all strides in the same direction, and it is only when one takes a retrospective glance and sees by comparison how much has been achieved that it is realized "what has been done?"

There is one thing that THE ASTORIAN would be glad to have borne in mind by all in and out of the convention who have at heart the interests of a free river: that constant effort, continued activity, unceasing work, are required to accomplish desired results. It will be fourteen months to the next meeting. The duties of the members do not cease when the convention adjourns: it is a body that is always in session: every member whether an officer or not needs to work, talk the matter up, help aid in securing sufficient finances to worthily and properly forward the collection of statistics, the dissemination of information and other necessary work that must be done and cannot be done without money. There must be funds procured to enable those in whom is vested the trust of fulfilling the duties delegated to them, to see that these duties are properly carried out. This is the business aspect of the matter, and as such we commend it to the earnest co-operation and affirmative action of every member of the association, which is now permanently organized.

The News says that thus far the attempt to establish a Democratic daily newspaper in Portland has failed, and that a recent effort to raise \$4,000 for such purpose was unsuccessful. Ten times that sum would be needed to start it, and as much more to keep it going. In starting newspapers, as in other things, "talk is cheap."

An End to Bone Scraping. Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

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SERENADE AND SPEECHES

Last Evening in Front of the Occident.

Shortly after dark yesterday evening the Republican club of Astoria stationed the Western Amateur band in front of the Occident and gave Oregon's congressional delegation a serenade. In response to loud calls, after several pieces of music had been rendered, Hon. C. W. Fulton introduced senator J. N. Dolph, who, stepping to the front, said that he could with great reason compliment Astoria on its solid advancement. He sketched briefly Astoria's history, spoke of the waterway convention and the evident good resulting therefrom, and from that went on to deliver a speech that was good to hear: it was an American speech, treated of our public domain, which must be preserved for actual settlers, of our postoffice system, it never being the true intent of government to make the mail carriage a source of revenue, but rather should be so arranged that all should have the utmost mail facilities, and spoke eloquently on the necessity for coast defenses. He showed clearly and succinctly the need of coast defenses, the wisdom of fostering and encouraging American shipbuilding, American commercial supremacy and adequate preparation for possible trouble. "Peace," said the senator, "is the dream of philosophers, but war is the history of mankind."

He carried his audience with him, and when he spoke of manifest destiny and the need for assertion of the Monroe doctrine regarding the Sandwich Islands he was cheered again and again. His plea for the Nicaragua canal was cogent and forcible, and when he bid his audience good night it was amid tumultuous applause.

Senator John H. Mitchell was next introduced. When the applause had subsided sufficiently for him to be heard he began by recounting his personal experience and heartily thanking Astoria for the share it had in placing him in his present position. In fitting and feeling terms he made allusion to events that justified the faith he had in men and motives and congratulated Astoria upon her favorable situation. Astoria is fortunate in having but one obstruction to unlimited ocean commerce, the bar once removed to the extent contemplated by the general government, it would rise to a degree of growth and prosperity of which the seashore cities of the old and new world were the fitting prototype. The improvement of the bar was not essentially an Astoria project; it was something needed by the inland empire, by every citizen in the Columbia basin; it was one of the world's great waterways and should have the same attention from the federal government that France, Germany and Russia were giving their great rivers, spending millions that the cost of transportation might be made less onerous to the producer. Our timid governmental policy should be discarded for a freer, more lavish expenditure of public money for such public needs, and the great four hundred million dollar surplus in the United States treasury be made less that the people be benefited. This the people should demand, and the senator demonstrated conclusively by facts and figures that in no way could the burdens of a producing people be more easily and speedily lightened than by the removal of such obstructions as at present existed to unrestricted navigation of the Columbia river. His remarks throughout were received with applause. A most pleasing speaker, perfectly conversant with his subject, at times eloquent and always clear and forcible, he presented to the audience the need of the time and argued that as population and production increased, so in proportion increased the necessity for improvement of the river, and that the people were to be justified in loud and repeated demands for national recognition of their importance in this section. He closed amid hearty cheers.

Congressman Binger Hermann was called for and in response made a neat speech. In response to the greeting that was bestowed upon Oregon's congressman he in graceful terms expressed his acknowledgment and said that utilizing every possible hour of his vacation from congressional duties at Washington, he was making a tour of the entire state, listening to every suggestion, examining every section and finding out in every way possible, the wishes, opinions and necessities of the people of Oregon. The sole representative of 300,000 people in the house of representatives, he felt that it was his duty to do this, and in the course of his journey he was now in Astoria. Touching in a graphic and interesting manner on various topics of public interest, he spoke in detail of the great salmon industry of the Columbia river and said that he had given the subject considerable attention, which was evident from the intelligent tenor of his remarks. He said that before leaving Washington Prof. Spencer Baird had told him that it was his intention this summer to either come in person or send a competent substitute to the Columbia to visit and make observation of the different species of salmon, the question of traps, gill nets, seines, wheels, etc., and examine and report regarding the entire matter.

Regarding bar improvement and river and harbor improvements for Oregon, congressman Herman made extended mention of the effort to secure liberal appropriations in the last congress, which effort was thwarted only by the refusal of the president to sign the bill, and expressed a hope that a bill similar in construction and amount would meet a better and more deserving reception at the president's hands at the next session of the congress of the United States. Loud applause interspersed and concluded his remarks.

Ex-Gov. Z. F. Moody being called for came forward and in a few remarks excused himself from an extended address by reason of the lateness of the hour. He was the recipient of a flattering reception. Three

cheers for the delegation and the state were given at the close and after some more music by the band, the audience dispersed.

A PROBABLE BIG DEAL. A Formidable Railroad Combination. (New York Sun.) "To-day's stock market demonstrated to an extent that the uncertainty regarding the outcome of the Baltimore & Ohio deal was not the only factor representing speculation. As noted yesterday, there is a freer and more confident feeling now that the matter has ceased to be of public interest; at the same time there is an utter absence of incentives to speculation. The impetus may be supplied in the near future, as underneath the dull surface of the market a number of important plans are being matured.

Perhaps the most important of these and the one likely to develop soonest is that contemplating a radical change in the management of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The common stock of this corporation has been in constant demand for a long time past, so much so that the price has not suffered, even when other stocks have yielded materially. The principal demand for the stock has been by a combination that is not now represented in the management. This combination is composed of people who are largely interested in the Union Pacific road, and, of course, in its new leased property—the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. This interest and the Oregon and Transcontinental interest have been in accord for some time, as is evidenced by the lease of the Oregon Railway & Navigation property to the Union Pacific. Unless their plans should be thwarted the combined Northern Pacific holdings of the two interests mentioned will, at the approaching election of the Northern Pacific, elect a ticket from which the names of a large proportion of the present members of the board will be missing. This programme if carried out will bring into close and harmonious relations three of the largest railroad systems of the country, that is, the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, and the Oregon companies. The scheme is even more comprehensive than that contemplated by Mr. Villard, in that it includes the Union Pacific. Of its success there is little, if any, doubt. So far as the Northern Pacific is concerned, one of the greatest advantages it will gain will be the substitution of a strong, harmonious and fraternally disposed management for a contentious directory in which a disposition to sacrifice the best interests of the company to personal enterprises has generally predominated.

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