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LAUNCH LEAGUE IN NOVEMBER

Non-Partisans are Planning for Action in Oregon This Fall, According to Report

Portland — Strong sentiment in favor of the non-partisan league exists throughout Oregon and the stage is set for the big league campaign scheduled to open in November, according to the report of Lloyd Riches, secretary of the state editorial association, who has just completed a tour of the state, during which time he interviewed newspaper men in every section of Oregon.

Not only are the farmers openly endorsing the coming of the league and enthusiastically awaiting the results of its advent, but support is being promised by many of the residents of the smaller cities in the state, says Riches, who has gathered this sentiment for the greater part from the statements of the editors of the smaller dailies.

Chain Stores Promised

Riches declares the reason for this unexpected promised support from the cities is attributed by his informants to the fact that the league organizers who have been working here have extensively advertised that their Oregon programme calls for a chain of state-owned and state-operated retail stores to supply merchandise at cost plus 10 per cent for operation.

He says that within the past month the league sympathizers and even some of the organizers have ceased their secretiveness and are coming out more in the open. He finds that sudden alarm has been taken by many of the down-state editors who, prior to this time, had given the non-partisans but little thought.

Marketing Conditions Unsatisfactory

In several of the counties in which Riches made extended investigations he found the league strongly organized with a complete list of officers and roster members. In each of the counties where he found such conditions existing he states that he found at the same time reports of dissatisfaction among the farmers with marketing conditions.

A prominent official of a farmers' organization in Linn county who is actively engaged in fighting the

non-partisan league told Riches that in his opinion five out of every seven farmers in that country were either signed up with the league or ready to enter it.

Convert Ranks Increasing

The editor of one of the largest papers in Polk county and an active opponent of the league said that within the last three months organizers had been working steadily throughout that district for the league. His statement to Riches was that almost daily upon meeting some farmer the latter would remark that he had joined the league and paid his \$18 membership.

Riches said that the feeling was becoming universal that something must be done soon to combat the league or it would have the same success in this state that it encountered in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and other states where it had become a dominant factor in the political situation.

Five Newspapers Wanted

The league, he added, was already openly negotiating for the purchase of five daily newspapers in Oregon and was committed to starting an official league paper in Portland at the earliest date feasible.

Riches avers that almost without exception the league sympathizers are reported to be desirous of the state ownership and operation of industries connected with agricultural output such as grain elevators, canneries and packing plants. He says that a great many are attracted by the league programme calling for a state-owned bank and also state guarantee of bank deposits.

In regard to the numerous exposures which have been published broadcast concerning the increase in taxes in North Dakota under the league regime, Riches says the farmers are apparently oblivious. This he attributes somewhat to the fact that the organizers imbue their victims with a mistrust and disbelief of all that is written in the established press.

10,000 Signed Up.

Practically every farmer, he says, who has been approached by the league organizers, becomes a subscriber to the official paper of the league and they are told that it is through this medium they can get the only true facts concerning the operation of the league.

While no definite figures could be secured on the league membership in this state, estimating every county on the same basis as a half dozen where such figures could be fairly accurately reached, Riches states that there are at least 10,000 farmers pledged to this movement at this time, and with the sentiment as it is, he says that in his opinion at least 80 per cent of the farmers of the state will be in the league shortly after the campaign opens this fall.

INTEREST STIRRED IN COOS RAIL SITUATION

Myrtle Point—There is speculation in this section regarding the probable objective of the Smith-Powers Lumber company railroad, which connects with the Southern Pacific here and extends to Powers beyond. At the present time construction is in progress up Salmon creek, about five miles above Powers. The heaviest piece of construction is just beyond where a tunnel is being bored through the mountain. It is said that the completion of this tunnel will require the greater part of the winter. After the tunnel, however, construction is easy or comparatively so.

A short distance from the tunnel the survey strikes the Sixes river or one of its branches and by an easy down grade of some twenty miles the road can be built to tide water at Port Orford, giving an outlet for the timber and lumber tonnage that will be tapped by the road. The question, as it presents itself, is, will the Smith-Powers people continue to haul their logs a distance of some seventy or eighty miles to Marshfield, when by building this twenty miles they can get to tide water.

Then if they build to Port Orford, there is the coast road of the Southern Pacific extending up to Trinidad, California, less than a hundred miles distant, which can be extended up the coast to connect with the road

at Port Orford, and there would be a coast road complete with easy grades from Eureka to Eugene, with no steep grades and no snow to interfere with train operations from California points to Portland. Will this link be continued to carry its heavy traffic over the mountains?

FOURRAGERES FOR FAMOUS SECOND MARINE BRIGADE

The marine corps recruiting office at Portland is daily expecting its first allotment of 18,000 fourrageres awarded by the French government to the men of the fifth and sixth regiments and the sixth machine gun battalion which formed the marine brigade of the famous second division. The fourrageres are in the red and green colors of the Croix de Guerre for military units that have been cited two or three times in the general orders of the French army, and arrived in Washington a few days ago. Authorization cards for all men who were with the marine infantry regiments at Belleau Woods, Soissons and in the Champagne actions, have been prepared in Washington. The distribution to men still in the marines has already begun. To reach the men who are no longer with the colors the cards for men in this vicinity will be sent direct to the recruiting offices.

The object of the fourrageres, or the "telephone cords" or "cigar lighters," as the A. E. F. knew them, to quote the French army regulations, is "to recall in a certain way the glorious feats of certain regiments or units that have been cited in army orders." In the case of those marines who fell in action the award will be made to their nearest of kin direct by Major General John A. Lejeune, who not only was in command of the second division at St. Mihiel, the Champagne and the Argonne, but is now the major general commandant of the marine corps.

Fossil—State survey locating market roads in Wheeler county. Work to begin as soon as laborers can be secured.

Myrtle Point—Many improvements in the way of buildings, etc., being made on Coos county fair grounds.

OREGON MAN CAN GET OXFORD

A three-year course at England, all expenses paid, any O. A. C. man who can college recommendation and approval of the committee of for the Rhodes scholarship, this selection the applicant a junior, or graduate, between ages of 19 and 25 October. He must have the requisite of leadership, scholarship and aical fitness. No examination is required. Application this fall becomes effective 1921, and carries \$1500 annual three years. The selection committee wants application from men. Those interested should send W. J. Kerr at once.

REPUBLICAN STATE CAMPAIGN OPENS IN PORTLAND

Portland—The formal opening of the republican campaign will be the ratification of the Coolidge meeting in the night of Sept. 10th. State man Tongue has requested national speakers' bureau to strong national speaker. publican state committee, of the republican county of the entire state, the membership of every republican the state and the republican will be invited to be present meeting will be held in the gym. Bands, music, red fire will make the occasion memorable.

SILVER-ZINC ORE FOUND WILLAMINA BEING

A few pieces of rock taken from the hill just west of town brought to this office Monday, F. and J. E. Wilcox, says the specimens carried a high percentage of silver and lead. They will file mineral rights on which they have already secured expert assays, and it is long before Willamina will be a mining town.

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