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PULL TOGETHER

Willamette Valley Development League Organized at Salem

Able Speakers Set Forth The Needs of Western Oregon and Enthusiasm Abounds

The Willamette Valley Development League was organized at Salem last Thursday. There was morning, afternoon, evening sessions, the affair winding up with a banquet at night. Colonel E. Hofer was elected president; Walter Lyon, secretary; Walter Tooze, treasurer. Committee on constitution and by-laws: Frank Davey, J. C. Hayter, F. P. Nutting, E. W. Haines, G. A. Hurley. An executive committee, yet to be named, is to be composed of a member of each league, the league to elect its own member. As a railroad committee on railroads to secure better transportation and freight service, I. H. Bingham, J. C. Cooper, Robt. Veal, B. F. Jones and J. G. Graham were appointed. There was a good attendance, Independence and Monmouth furnishing the largest number of visiting delegates present from outside points. Attached to the lapel of the coat of each Monmouth delegate was a badge of broad blue ribbon, with the words, "Monmouth Boosters" printed in gold. Independence delegates wore a double-streamer badge of blue ribbon, one streamer bearing the inscription, "Polk, the Blue Ribbon County;" the other the words, "Independence, the Hub," printed in gold. There were present good speakers and much enthusiasm in the development of Oregon's resources was shown. Addresses were made by such able men as Frank Davey, E. Hofer, Tom Richardson, Walter Tooze, I. H. Bingham, Prof. P. L. Campbell, J. C. Cooper, E. T. Judd, Senator E. W. Haines, B. F. Jones, Mayor Frank Waters, C. B. Moores, G. A. Hurley, G. A. Westgate, W. E. Coman, W. M. Killingsworth, J. F. Carroll. Tom Richardson, secretary of the State Development League lauded the transportation companies for giving low rates from eastern points to Oregon, and assisting to advertise the state, but stated that the big State League meeting advertised for April 4th and 5th had been called off for the reason the railroads would not grant satisfactory rates. Not satisfied with this bare statement and hoping to bring the State League and transportation companies together a committee was appointed to ascertain as nearly as possible what the real point of contention was and on whom should rest the blunder of having a big Development League heralded and then called off giving the active commercial bodies throughout the state no voice whatever. A report was prepared in the form of resolutions, but it was throttled by President Hofer. At the evening banquet, transportation again came up and the resolutions were introduced and passed over President Hofer's protest. The resolutions ask the President of the State League to call the meeting as advertised. Following are sentiments expressed by the speakers of the occasion:

SOME LIVE EXPRESSIONS
 P. L. Campbell—Unskilled labor receives \$1.50 to \$2 a day; skilled \$2 to \$3; man with University education \$4, \$6, to \$10.
 Tom Richardson—People must

insist upon the railroads giving them better transportation facilities and freight rates that will widen the markets of their products.

Walter Tooze—If Portland does not want the State League Convention held there, Woodburn will be glad to give the delegates a royal entertainment.

W. M. Killingsworth—The State should own all water powers.

G. A. Westgate—Wheat should be the foundation of Willamette Valley's agricultural industries.

I. H. Bingham—You might as well try to turn water up hill as to try to get railroad regulation through the Oregon legislature.

G. A. Hurley—Trolley lines are necessary in the Willamette Valley for local transportation purposes and to insure reasonable rates and service from the railroad companies.

NEW JEWELRY STORE WILL BE OPENED

A new jewelry store will be opened in Independence right away. C. Fletcher of Spokane and Thos. J. Anderson of Corvallis will be the proprietors. Several days were spent trying to find a business building for rent and they finally succeeded in procuring the Riley Cooper building next door north of Bies & Calbreath's furniture store.

Mr. Fletcher is in Portland today making out an order for a full line of jewelry goods. He has the reputation of being a practical watch maker and has been in the jewelry business in Spokane for a number of years.

The Special Edition

Everybody is entitled to representation in the Special Edition of next month. Already four pages are taken. This will be the most generally circulated publication ever sent out from Polk county and it will reach where it counts.

MOST SUCCESSFUL W. O. W. MEETING

There were big doings with the local W. O. W. Saturday night. There were five initiations on and the candidates were put through by a team from Monmouth, a "crack" team, by the way, of the state. Invitations had been issued and there were visitors present from Salem, Buena Vista and Airle besides the Monmouth delegation which was quite large. There were in all about 100 present and the exercises were held in the Maccabee hall. Following the initiation ceremonies the Monmouth team gave an exhibition drill. The team has won a number of prizes in state contests. Refreshments were served in the hall during the evening and altogether it was one of the most successful and enjoyable W. O. W. meetings ever held in Independence.

More Dogs Poisoned

New victims to dog poison the past week were dogs belonging to J. L. McCandless, J. A. Byers and Post Master Merwin. The dog belonging to Mr. McCandless was broken to harness and was a great favorite of his little son. The others were household pets. The following have lost dogs by poison within the past two weeks: Jim Hillard, P. M. Kirkland, Jeff Fryer, Mr. Oberon, Fred Oberer, R. H. Knox, Teddie Irvine, Jess Whiteaker.

MOVING FORWARD

Improvement League Takes Action on Matters of General Interest

Endorse City Council, Free Ferry, Elect Member of Executive Committee, Object To Census

A large attendance was out at the Improvement League meeting last night.

Report on the free ferry committee was presented; the actions of the city council in endeavoring to better sanitary conditions were unanimously endorsed; and the Secretary of State was asked to include in enumeration blanks, hops, goats, mohair.

Following are the resolutions adopted:

"Whereas the city council of the city of Independence is showing an interest in the welfare of the city, especially as to its sanitary condition, which as existed last summer was intolerable and dangerous to the health of the community, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Independence Improvement League that this body endorse the action of the council and pledge them its hearty support in any reasonable actions they may take looking to the improvement of sanitary conditions."

The ferry committee reported that \$1500 had been offered the present owner of the ferry for his property, and that \$2000 is the price asked. Inasmuch as the county courts have not met since the other committees were appointed, and as they will meet next week, it was deemed advisable to defer final action until Monday night, April 10, when reports will be heard from the Marion and Polk county courts and supplemental report from the committee on purchase or new ferry.

The Secretary was instructed to request, in behalf of the League, Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar to make provisions on official blanks for listing hops, mohair and goats.

Hon. Frank Butler was present and gave an address on water power going to waste in the Willamette river at Independence. County Surveyor VanOrsdel was also among the visitors present and there was a good representation from across the river.

The League selected J. S. Cooper as its member of the Willamette Valley Development League executive committee.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR TIMBER MEN

Is there trouble ahead for some of those who recently took up timber claims in Benton county, and is somebody to suffer by reason of the practices resorted to in securing title to the lands? Were the methods employed in any instances, out of harmony with governmental requirements, and if so to what extent, and what will be the penalty? These are questions that are being quietly asked about Corvallis by a few persons who are familiar with the fact that the late timber claim operations are under close scrutiny by the Interior department. The most of this week a government inspector has been delving into the records at the court house, looking into, and following up the various processes by which something like 100 persons, mostly non-residents, recently obtained title to timber claims in Benton county. One of the queer things that is leaking out with respect to timber matters, is that on a great number of claims taken

up, others than the claimants themselves are paying the taxes. Meantime, however, no deed conveying the claims to the persons who pay the taxes has been placed on record. Four Corvallisites hold such claims. The outside parties who pay taxes on these claims are four in number. What might grow out of these incidents when the claimants and the men who pay the taxes on the land get before the federal grand jury, are of course guessed at by people who know of the facts.—Corvallis Times.

Herman Shooks shot and killed E. V. Cooper and Paul Howse with a 30-30 rifle near Drain last Friday. Shooks then killed himself with the same gun.

A RECORD BREAKER NOT OF POLK

Centralia, Wash.—A baby weighing slightly over 18 pounds was born here last Wednesday, Dr. J. H. Dunn, of this place, being responsible for the statement of weight. The child which is in perfect health, is a boy, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grafton. Mr. Grafton is an employe on the Northern Pacific depot at Centralia. The local phenomenon is over half a pound heavier than the Ballard prodigy, born a week ago, and slightly heavier than the reputed record-breaking Portland baby.

FACTORY IN IDAHO OF NATURAL ICE

Moscow, Ida., March 9.—Latah county has a natural ice factory that produces ice at any time of the year. The fact is not generally known and the location is known to but few. This "natural factory" is located about a quarter of a mile from Clyde's spur, between Vollmen and Kendrick. About a quarter of a mile back from the spur is a branch at the foot of a cliff. Rocks have fallen from the cliff and formed a huge pile. It is here the ice is formed. The cliff is about 80 feet in height and is of basalt. Water coming from beneath the cliff freezes in the numerous pockets abounding in the rock.

While the supply is not large enough for commercial purposes, those who live near the place and know its location often go there on the hottest days and procure enough to freeze ice cream. A bucket of water placed in any of the holes freezes solid in a short time. The area is about 40 feet in diameter and on the hottest days, when the sun is beating down on the place, it is cool and pleasant. Another curious fact is that near this spot there are warm areas. Even in the winter when snow falls all around there are some spots where no snow can be found and a vapor or mist seems to issue from the ground at all times, showing it to be much warmer than the rock formation.

A Good Game Of Basket Ball

A most evenly contested and interesting game of basket ball was played in the Athletic hall in this city Friday night. The game was between the first teams of Monmouth and Independence, the score being 14 to 13 in favor of Independence. A good sized crowd witnessed the game.

LINE UP

Independence	Monmouth
Stine	LF Allen
Hurley	RF Allen
Gorden	C Crayen
Byers	LG Sloan
Wallace	RG Crayen
Referee: Milton Force, Umpire: Prof. Tharp.	