

OPEN RIVER ADVOCATED BY MANY SPEAKERS

Albany, Or., April 15.—The open river and freight rate convention closed in this city last night with a smoker and social session. Before adjourning the following committee was appointed to perfect the permanent organization of the Open River Association:

H. F. Thielson and Max O. Buren, of Salem; Victor Holt and F. A. Rankin, of Eugene; C. C. Hazzleton and A. L. Briggs of Cottage Grove; L. E. Hamilton and H. H. Hewitt of Albany; T. F. Ryan and W. A. Shewman of Oregon City; H. E. Hillary and H. Wayne Stanard of Brownsville; E. M. Fanning and C. H. Lehman of Sheridan; A. B. Fletcher, of McMinnville; E. C. Galtner, of Portland; M. J. Lee of Canby, and T. L. Dugger of Seilo.

In the afternoon there were many short speeches, among them Judge W. S. McFadden of Oregon City, who spoke on "Free Locks at Oregon City," saying in part:

Men in Congress Blamed.

An open river has long been a subject of the greatest moment to the home-builders of the Willamette Valley but unfortunately those who have represented us in Congressional capacity, while profiting in fine promises have signally failed thus far to materialize any relief in behalf of the people from the toll exactions at the Oregon City locks.

The Willamette river is an entire proposition and entity and by nature was intended as a common carrier for the products of the valley, and when we speak of an open river we mean from its source to its mouth.

Yearly Tribute Enormous.

Since the creation of the locks our yearly tribute to the toll gatherers at the Oregon City locks has been at least \$100,000, which has been exacted from the producers in tributes independent of the original \$200,000 and interest paid out of the state

treasury 40 years ago.

The free will donation of our river to a corporation seems incomprehensible; a river that was given us by nature as a common carrier has been so handicapped by legislative enactment as to reduce our people, our producers, to the condition of beasts of burden for toll and freights and like exactions.

No corporation has the right to exact tolls upon what nature created for the benefit of the whole community. It is up to us to free the locks, to loosen the shackles of the incubus that now holds the valley.

Southern Pacific Scored.

Following Mr. McFadden's speech the locks were discussed briefly by E. Hofer, of Salem, O. M. Kern, of Cottage Grove, and J. R. Cartwright of Harlsburg. Mr. Cartwright attacked the Southern Pacific without mincing words, and declared the railroad not only raised rates, but impeded navigation of the Willamette.

I. R. Stingham of Eugene, state senator from Lane county, spoke on "An Open River from Portland South." He said that the manner in which the state had allowed a private corporation to control the locks at Oregon City was the worst blot on Oregon's record.

J. D. Matlock, Mayor of Eugene, T. F. Ryan of Oregon City, and Max O. Buren of Salem, spoke on the same subject.

H. S. Gile of Salem, spoke on "Restoration of the Old Freight Rate." He said there was no competition by river now, and that this fact caused the abolishment of the old arbitrary freight rate. To get the old rate again, he said, the valley must restore the conditions which gave it and furnish river competition and the valley business men must buy out the present line or establish a steamboat line of their own.

Attorney Harold M. Sawyer of Portland, delivering the last address of the afternoon, reviewed freight conditions in the Willamette Valley when the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. were competing lines and the former company maintained a line of boats on the Willamette River.

He said an independent steamboat line would not remedy the existing condition, and told the convention its remedy lay in going before the interstate commerce commission. He said a rate which has existed as long as the old 10-cent arbitrary rate

came in be regarded in law as a reasonable rate which the railroad company was bound to maintain.

Captain A. B. Graham, of the Oregon City Transportation Company, and Harvey E. Lounsbury of the Southern Pacific, attended Oswald West, of the State Railroad Commission, was another interested spectator of the afternoon's proceedings.

SAGE ROOSTER WRITES OF EUGENE AGAIN

"Sage Rooster" has written another letter to the Albany Democrat as follows:

Since my last letter the city has been full of new railroad lines. Two surveying crews and two right-of-way purchasers for different lines have been in the field between Eugene and Florence, and if reports are true two more bridges will span the river between Eugene and Springfield, making five in all in a distance of two miles.

Here is one on Salem. A Salem man bought a ticket for Eugene with a 24-hour limit, getting to Eugene at 5 a. m. He rubbed his eyes and gasped, went up town and stopped in a restaurant for his breakfast and examined the bill of fare. His attention was called to the time, 12:15, by that time, so fast had the Salem man moved. He quit at once and started for the train, getting there at 12:50, just as it disappeared. He stayed at the depot and took the next train, and was told that his return ticket had expired, and paid his fare. He kicked to the Salem agent, and was told it was good for eighteen hours yet, showing the difference between Eugene's fastness and Salem's slowness.

F. M. French, on his watch inspecting trips, stops at Junction and goes to Wendling, never trying to regulate Eugene watches, too fast for anything except Albany.

Eugene is crowded with strangers and property is rising all the time. Fine business blocks and new residences are being contracted for every week, and mechanics and laborers of all kinds are busy.

The five-mile electric car line around College Hill will commence building by May 1st.

Dr. Bell's Fine

FRUIT CANNERY IN PROSPECT AT CRESWELL

One of the best meetings the Creswell Development League has held for some time was the meeting Tuesday night. The principal business of the evening was the consideration of the cannery question, which was launched at the meeting two weeks ago. The committee appointed at that time reported in part. Dr. Scarborough, chairman of the committee, wrote to several canneries in the Northwest, but as they are not running at this season it is somewhat difficult to receive replies from all. These answering the doctor's inquiries, however, gave him valuable information, and this information proved conclusively that a cannery could be successfully operated here.

The question was discussed thoroughly, with the result that a committee, consisting of F. W. Ogram, Dr. Scarborough and Frank Schmitt were appointed to investigate along every line necessary. These gentlemen will make a tour of the country adjacent to Creswell and ascertain who will set land to small fruit and vegetables, and how much acreage each individual is willing to devote to the enterprise. Mr. Sedgwick, manager of the Bohrnstedt company's office here, was present at the meeting and made an interesting and convincing talk in favor of the cannery. He stated he felt sure that his company would devote from two to five acres of its land to berry culture if the cannery is started.

One member of the committee, Mr. Ogram, perhaps, will visit canneries at Eugene, Salem, McMinnville and other points in the valley and obtain information as to methods used in canning, varieties canned, kind of seed, time of planting, etc., and the committee will soon be in possession of the necessary data so that growers who are willing to plant land will be able to start to do so in a short time.

LETTER BY BRYAN DISMAYS LEADERS

Revival of Money Issue Comes as Surprise at Jefferson Day Love Feast

Indianapolis, April 13.—Gathering here today to celebrate the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, as guests of the Indiana leaders of the party, Democrats from many states united in declaring that the day of Democratic opportunity was at hand.

Representative Sulzer struck this keynote in his address at the banquet tonight. The sensation of the occasion, from the party point of view, was the letter sent by William J. Bryan, who recalled the silver issue of 1896, to the dismay of many. Mr. Bryan declared that the "quantitative theory" of money had been established by recent explanations made by Republicans to account for increasing prices, leaving the way open for the discussion of other questions from the Democratic viewpoint.

Letter Written in Brazil

The letter was written in Brazil in the course of Mr. Bryan's South American tour, and the writer took occasion to say that even in that country the influence of Thomas Jefferson was felt in the manner and form of government.

John W. Kern, who ran for vice president in the last election, was the guestmaster at the banquet tonight. Other addresses were as follows:

James Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, "The Nation's Foreign Policy"; John J. Lentz, of Ohio, "Jefferson, the Radical"; Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, "Progressive Democracy"; Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, "Evolution and Departure from States' Rights"; Lafayette Pence, of Colorado, "The Income Tax Struggle."

Mr. Bryan's letter dealt with the money question as follows:

"But there is another item of news which has just come to my attention. President Taft, in his Lincoln speech at New York, February 12, attributes the present high prices mainly to the increase in the production of gold and the consequent enlargement of the volume of money. This unexpected endorsement of our party's proposition in 1896, when we demanded more money as the only remedy for falling prices, is very gratifying. How valuable that admission would have been to us if it had been made during the campaign of that year, when the Republican leaders were denying that the volume of money had any influence on prices and asserting that it did not matter whether we had much money or little, provided it was all good."

"We may now consider the quantitative theory of money established beyond a doubt, and proceed to the consideration of other questions. But the president or his predecessors have admitted the correctness of the Democratic position on so many questions that further argument is hardly necessary on the subject. We may now take judgment against the Republican party by confession."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BRANCH OF THE W. C. T. U.

At a well attended meeting of the Young People's branch of the W. C. T. U., held in the Methodist church Wednesday evening, April 11, Dr. Southworth delivered a short address in which he spoke on the subject of "Medical Temperance and Alcohol as Food."

He plainly stated that alcohol is losing out to a great extent among the leading physicians, as they are substituting other medicines that are as good, and do not produce a bad effect.

Medicine, as it is generally prescribed by physicians, contains no alcohol except when whisky or brandy is given, and then it is termed thus; but a great many of patent medicines contain from two to 45 and 50 per cent alcohol.

Alcohol when taken into the body, does not build up the waste tissue, which has been the belief for many years, but rather tends to feed the passions and anger the user.

The talk was very interesting and useful, covering many facts along these lines.

Miss Pengra was elected superintendent of the musical department and some good music is assured for the coming meeting to be held in the Presbyterian church April 25. All young women are urged to be present, as there is a great deal of campaign work to be done and plenty of life is needed for this.

Further announcement will be made through this paper.

W. S. BARTHOLOMEW,
President.

FINNEY ASSERTS BALLINGER WAS IN THE RIGHT

Washington, April 16.—Edward C. Finney, assistant secretary of the Interior, continuing his testimony at the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry, insisted that Secretary Ballinger had acted in good faith in turning over the Cunningham claims to Assistant Secretary Pierce.

The action of the committee an Attorney Brandeis' request that he be allowed to defer the cross-examination of Pierce and other subordinates until later in the day, or perhaps until the next session.

SENATOR ALDRICH REFUSES TO DISCUSS HIS FUTURE PLANS

Warwick, R. I., April 16.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, resting at his home at Warwick Neck, said today that he did not care to affirm or deny the report he would not be a candidate for re-election in 1911.

He refused to make a statement as to whether or not he would give up his work on most of the senate committees for the remainder of his term, as reported.

EUGENE-COBURG AUTOMOBILE LINE

We have reliable information that an automobile line will be established between Eugene, Springfield and Coburg this summer. We can see no reason why this could not be a paying proposition right from the start.

Mr. T. H. Tripp, of Eugene, we are informed, will run the machine and will run the machine and will make two trips daily to Eugene via Springfield. Sundays the machine will stop at the ball grounds between Springfield and Eugene.—Coburg Journal.

BROADWAY'S NEWEST SONG HITS

"Mother, May I Go Out to Swim?"

(BATHING SONG.)

Sung by JULIAN ELTINGE of Cohan & Harris' "Honey Boy" Minstrels.

Words and Music by LESTER KEITH.

Tempo di Valse

1. A sweet lit - tle peach from Man-hat-tan Beach Was stroll - ing up - on the sand,..... And
2. This day-per young swell then said to the belle, "Please come out and dine with me,..... It's

met a young sport from jol - ly New-port Who thought she was per - fect - ly grand..... She
quite im - po - lite, but come out to - night, I love you and you must a - gree."..... She

murmured to him, "I'd go take a swim, But I am en - gaged to be wed..... Though
answered in haste, "It's ver - y bad taste To dine with a stran - ger, I'm told!"..... But

it's ver - y warm, it's ver - y bad form." "Yours looks good to me," he said..... She
her taste was fine for champagne and wine - Cost him twen - ty dol - lars cold,..... And

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an - swered right a - way..... "To Ma I used to say".....
af - ter - wards he thought..... Of what her moth - er taught.....

CHORUS.
Moderato. Not too fast.

Moth - er may I go out to swim, Yes my dar - ling daugh - ter,

Hang your clothes on a hick - o - ry limb But don't go near the wa - ter.

You may look cute in your bath - ing suit, But act just as you ought - er,

Now and then you can flirt with the men, But don't go near the wa - ter. wa - ter.

D. & S.

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