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OREGON AT BUFFALO FAIR

EXHIBIT IS ATTRACTING WIDESPREAD ATTENTION.

Many Oregonians Are Visiting the Fair—Thousands of People See The Various Departments.

The Oregonian's special correspondent at the Buffalo exposition writes the following which appears in a recent issue:

Official opening day, May 20, was a grand and imposing sight. Among the states represented in the parade was Oregon. W. T. Gardner, one of the vice-presidents to the Pan-American Exposition, was present and occupied a carriage with Vice-President Roosevelt's party. During the day Oregon's various departments were visited by hundreds and probably thousands of people. Several men representing some large manufacturing establishments at New York City were greatly surprised at Oregon's cereal display and spent much time in examining table foods. After a lengthy conversation with Supt. Dusch, they decided to send a man West to look up the advisability of increased milling capacity.

We find the same ignorance as to Western characteristics as at Omaha. Such ignorance, too, is among educated and cultured people. Some of the questions are: "How far is Oregon from Seattle?" "Is Oregon a part of California?" "Is Oregon at the mouth of the Columbia River?" "Has Oregon any street cars or telephons yet?" Seattle and California are well known, but they have comparatively little knowledge of Oregon.

A. J. Johnson, superintendent of forestry, has eclipsed all former attempts at a display of this nature. His department is certainly a magnificent spectacle, both for its artistic arrangement and enormous samples of Oregon timber. On several occasions he has been madder than when the chambermaid at Baker City burned his fine collection of bugs. He has had to convince people that his large section of tree is an Oregon and not a California product. Mr. Johnson is ably assisted by Mr. William MacKintosh, of Astoria, who has already made many friends among visiting lumbermen and is doing good work for his state. Idaho has a fine forestry exhibit, next to Oregon's, thus showing that boundary lines cut no figure in the natural products of the soil.

Our educational exhibit is all in place. Mrs. Clara B. Parsons, superintendent of this department, has done excellent work in the arrangement of school work and has already received many compliments for Oregon's exhibit. "Several teachers have returned after a first visit and taken notes, explaining that Oregon schools had given them some new ideas. Quite a number of compositions of school children have been given away and are now performing good missions somewhere in the New England states. Mrs. Parsons' previous experience in the educational department at Omaha has been of much benefit to the state at Buffalo. The thousands of compositions sent out from Oregon by the school children will in a few years be the means of bringing other school children, then grown, to our state.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, of Oregon City, recently spent a few days here. Mrs. Dye came from Detroit after being for a short time the guest of William Hancock Clark, the oldest grandson of the noted explorer, Clark. Mrs. Clark is progressing with her book on Lewis and Clark's expedition to the Northwest. After leaving here she visited Boston, New York and Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. At Philadelphia she read the original journal of Lewis and Clark. Mrs. Dye visited in Virginia, at "Fotheringay," where Captain Clark was married to the beautiful heiress, Julia Hancock. From there Mrs. Dye went to Louisville, Ky. Throughout her travels, she has spread the news of the Lewis and Clark Centennial on the Pacific

TO BECOME POLITICAL BODY

MINERS IN SESSION AT DENVER PASS STRONG DOCUMENTS.

Declare Themselves Political and Industrial Masters—Resolution to Enter The Political Field.

Denver, May 31.—The annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners and the Western Labor Union began consideration of committee reports in executive session today. Just before adjournment of the federation convention for noon recess, each delegate rose and declared he was not responsible for a published anonymous interview regarding the election of a successor to president Boyce. This indicates at least that there is no movement of importance to elect another president.

The committee having in hand President Boyce's report recommending that the several sections be sent to the proper standing committees. This practically adopts the whole document. The interchangeable card between the miners' and laborers' union was adopted. The labor union convention spent the day discussing the union in politics. The resolutions the committee presented favor more active political work. Whether through a labor party or by forcing other parties to place labor candidates on their tickets is the principle under discussion.

The labor union decided to increase the salary of the secretary from \$75 to \$100 a month, and pay weekly. The following is the text of the political resolutions which were adopted by the labor union late this afternoon: "Whereas, The capitalist class is in complete possession of the means of production and thereby control the republican, democratic and populist parties, to further their political and industrial ends, and Whereas, The working class has nothing in common with the capitalist class, either politically or industrially, and Whereas, The interests of the working class and the interests of the capitalist class are diametrically opposed to each other, therefore, the working class cannot expect to derive any benefits from affiliating and supporting the capitalist parties, as has been proved in the past, and Whereas, We, the working class, by reason of being the real producers of the wealth and by reason of our number should be the masters, both industrially and politically in our hands lies the destiny of the nation; therefore be it Resolved that we take such steps politically as to completely separate us as a political body from all parties controlled by the capitalist class; and be it further Resolved, That the incoming executive board put forth every effort to assist the working people of the different states in furthering and establishing the present movement as above outlined." Resolutions were also adopted by the executive board to urge congress to re-enact the Chinese exclusion law and pass a similar law against the immigration of Japanese and other Asiatics. Other resolutions were adopted, including one against the use of Montana coal mined by non-union labor and one favoring a universal union label.

Agatized and Petrified Woods.

The Tombstone Prospector says: "It is stated that the Pan-American Exposition exhibit of agatized and petrified woods from the stone forests of Arizona will be the most extensive display of the kind ever attempted. Sections of large trees, sound and perfect from bark to heart, will be shown, the hardness of which is only three degrees from that of a diamond. Steel cannot scratch them nor ink stain them.

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IRRIGATION CONGRESS POSTPONED.

A recent dispatch from Washington, says; There is general regret through the country that the irrigation congress, which was to have held a session at Colorado Springs in July, has been postponed for a year because many persons who should attend would not be able to do so, owing to other meetings about the same time. The greatest reason for regret is that these men, so profoundly interested in the subject of irrigation, will now have no opportunity of uniting upon some policy to be laid before Congress at its next session. In the irrigation congress, as in the National Congress, there is undoubtedly a diversity of opinion, some believing that congress should be called upon to assist, in this project, while others believe it is a state function.

It is recognized that a matter of such great importance could not be settled by a meeting of but a few representative men. It would be unjust to outline a policy under such circumstances, and, moreover, the results arrived at in that way would have little or no influence before congress. It should be understood, however, that the irrigation congress is not abandoned, but merely postponed. The Buffalo Exposition, where irrigationists are considerably interested, has served in a great measure to interfere this season.

Evidence of this regret is plain in Washington among the government officials who are directly interested in the advancement of the irrigation movement. Both in the Geological Survey and in the Department of Agriculture, considerable disappointment is expressed, but at the same time these officials suggest that, inasmuch as the question of making appropriations for storage reservoirs will come up next winter in congress, the people interested should keep the matter constantly before their Senators and Representatives and impress upon them the need of congressional assistance, or at least sanction, in this great work of development. These officials also express the hope that the committees which are called upon to consider irrigation bills will take more speedy and hearty action in the next congress than characterized their work in the last. Even if no final legislation is agreed upon, it is believed the subject can be more comprehensively and more intelligently studied than it was during the latter part of the last congress, when personalities and minor differences absorbed most of the time, and no honest work or consideration was allowed.

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