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## FIFTEENTH NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Save the Forests, Store the Floods, Reclaim the Deserts, Make Homes on the Land.

An advance copy of the Official Call of the Fifteenth National Irrigation Congress has been received by the Rogue River Courier. It is issued from the headquarters of the congress at Sacramento, and announces that this important convention will be held in that city September 2-7 inclusive next. The document recites the purposes of the congress, invites the appointment of delegates by organized bodies of all kinds, and announces special Railway Rates over the Pacific coast, and the appointment of delegates by organized bodies of all kinds, and announces special Railway Rates over the Pacific coast, and the appointment of delegates by organized bodies of all kinds, and announces special Railway Rates over the Pacific coast.

The purposes of the Congress are declared to be "Save the forests, store the floods, reclaim the deserts, make homes on the land" and all who are interested in these objects or in any other matters connected with the deliberations and thereby contribute to a wise direction of national policies and development of national methods of conserving and developing the great natural resources of the country.

The personnel of the congress, as stated in the Call, includes the president and vice-president of the United States, members of the cabinet, senators and representatives, governors of States and Territories, members of State and Territorial legislatures, and State Irrigation, Forestry and other Commissions. Delegates will be appointed by Governors of States and Territories, Mayors of Cities, County governing boards, local and unofficial public bodies, and organizations of every kind including agricultural, horticultural and commercial, as well as Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and Development Associations.

The Interstate Exposition of Irrigated Land Products and Forest Products will be held simultaneously with the Irrigation Congress. The largest and finest list of trophies and prizes ever offered, will stimulate competition. The California State Fair will follow the Congress with its opening and closing ceremonies presided by a great Irrigation celebration, the day closing with a magnificent allegorical Irrigation parade and electrical illuminations. Special emphasis is laid upon the opportunity afforded by this Congress the study of irrigation. Irrigation practices and results, irrigated crops of every kind and irrigation opportunities. Sacramento is situated at the center of the Great Valley of California which extends lengthwise through the State a distance of nearly 500 miles and comprises approximately 10,000,000 acres of fertile land. Plans of the construction of irrigation dams, and distributing canals that the irrigation of this great plain is now being made by engineers of the Reclamation Service and money has been apportioned from the Reclamation Fund for the construction of an initial unit of the great system contemplated.

Special excursions will enable delegates to see California. These will cover the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, the mountains, the copper

belt, the vintage districts, the redwoods, sea coast and mountain resorts, orange and lemon districts and irrigated districts. Special Railway rates to California will prevail over all Trans-continental Lines.

## A PROBLEM FOR THE FRUIT SHIPPER

Fruit Growers of Southern Oregon Associations Must Improve Pack.

Charles Meserve, manager of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Association was in Ashland last Saturday to meet with the Ashland Fruit Growers Association to consider several matters of interest to the two Associations, the principal of which was to effect a co-operation in the shipping of fruit and the buying of paper and other supplies.

The Ashland Fruit Growers Association, has 148 members and is the oldest and largest Association in Rogue River Valley. The president is E. D. Briggs, one of the leading lawyers of Ashland and also a large fruit grower, he having 40 acres to peaches and a large amount of small fruit and an apple orchard of 40 acres that is just coming into bearing. S. F. Johnson is manager and he and a bookkeeper and secretary are kept busy early and late getting off the big shipments of berries of various kinds that the Association is now making and has been doing for the past two months. The Association owns its warehouse, a large structure located on a sidetrack exclusively for their use. The yield of fruit of all kinds is up to the average about Ashland and the Association will handle more this season than in any previous year, owing to the gain in membership and in young orchards coming into bearing.

All is not success with the Ashland Association and it has troubles in plenty and that are serious and which can only be eradicated by a thorough campaign of education with the members and the strict enforcement of the same grading and packing rules that the Hood River Association has so successfully employed to give that famous district the highest prices had by growers in the United States for apples and strawberries, the two fruits that they grow. Prior to last year the members did their own grading and packing with the result that the buyers made such a kick about poor packing, bad fruit in the center of the boxes and cups and short weight that many of the best customers were lost to the Association. Last year the Association did all the grading and packing. The dealers were delighted and orders came in plenty, but the mossback element in the Association opposed this innovation and this Spring it was voted by a small majority that the members again do their own grading and packing. As the other fruit growers associations of the Pacific Coast have been raising the standard of their pack the buyers were less inclined than ever to stand the inferior pack that the Ashland Association was shipping them so they canceled orders by wire and by mail and a crisis was brought on Manager Johnson's office.

To take measures to remedy this state of affairs President Briggs called a meeting of the Association last Saturday afternoon that was attended by a large number of the members.

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## ON SHIPBOARD AND ON LAND

T. P. Cramer and Family Arrive In Safety at the Former's Native Land.

On Steamship "Statendam" Near Scilly Islands, June 13, 1907.

Editor Courier:

Our ocean voyage is almost ended and 40 hours more ought to bring us close to Rotterdam. As a whole the voyage has been of the ordinary kind, the weather has been cool and mostly cloudy and the ocean has not been rough. The word "rough" means entirely different things to the captain and passengers, the latter being of the opinion that we have had pretty severe weather. The rolling of the ship was severe enough to make two thirds of our passengers sick, and in our own family D. C. and myself have not fed the fishes. It is encouraging to be able to state that the sickness has gradually worn off and now most of the passengers come to meals. Our second cabin is very nice and clean, the furniture nicely upholstered, and the meals and service as good as one could ask. So far I have not heard a complaint from anyone. The ship is electrically lighted throughout, has a powerful engine with twin screws and is sending us towards our destination at the rate of 350 miles per day. We have a Marconi wireless service, and all the way across we were in touch with other steamships, one day with half a dozen at one time. Today although several hundred miles from land we can send messages to Oorokhaven, Ireland and from there all over Europe. It is surely a wonderful invention and has come to be of immense commercial value. We have seen few ships and most of those sighted were just on the horizon. All the life we have seen consisted of a few small birds and several schools of dolphins. The latter always caused a commotion on deck. Day before yesterday we saw upwards of 50 at one time and they would leap clear of the water, sometimes six in a row, like trained soldiers. This is the season when seagulls nest and therefore they have not been in evidence until today and yesterday, when we were approaching shore. The passengers have been very congenial and do their best to make the time pass pleasantly. We play games on deck and yesterday the first cabin had some athletic contests. The steamer band plays twice each day on deck and every other evening gives us a concert in the dining saloon. After dark we have the phosphorescence which looks like stars in the water whenever the water is disturbed by the ship, or the beat of the waves. It is caused by small yellow fish which show this light when alarmed or agitated. At times the water resembles a milky whiteness from this cause. This trip the show has been nothing out of the ordinary.

Tonight the second cabin passengers give the usual entertainment and concert which will help to pass the time pleasantly. If the weather clears we can see the Scilly Island light before midnight. If the rains hold on do not know how close our ship will go as the weather is thick and the clouds hang low on the water. We have had some sunshine, but it is not the bright, warm Southern Oregon kind. Since leaving home on May 9th, we have not seen three continuous fine days and most of the time has been chilly and wet. The damp weather makes everything sticky on the ship, and it is decidedly unpleasant to get between damp sheets and in the morning put on damp clothes. We shall drop part of our passengers tomorrow night at Boulogne, France, and then have 10 hours more to Rotterdam. We hope the weather will be good as the trip through the English Channel is very fine under favorable conditions. An ocean trip is a novel if not always pleasant experience, but we shall all be glad to set foot on terra firma. Those who are sea sick would give a good deal if there was a solid footing about half way across. Velp, The Netherlands, June 17, 1907.

We have now completed the outward 3000 miles of our trip and can rest for about seven weeks. The last two days on shipboard were very pleasant and after we saw the Scilly

Island light at 11 o'clock on Thursday evening, one of the passengers remarked that it was wonderful what a difference such a measly little light made in one's feelings. We went to bed feeling more secure now that we had seen land. Our trip through the English Channel was fine, as we had plenty of vessels in sight all the time. We had three ships under full sail in view with the Isle of Wight and the blue sea for a background. The day was hazy but otherwise pleasant. We arrived at Boulogne, France, at 8 p. m. and dropped 75 of our passengers. It was a lively scene and we parted with those we knew with sincere regret, for although the acquaintance was only of eight days, the close companionship on a steamer, gives better opportunity to know those you meet. The harbor lights were beautiful, and the light houses threw bright beams across the bay and boats. During the night we made a quick run to the Hook of Holland and next morning at 6 o'clock found us entering the river Mass. The Dutch landscape was bright with vivid greens, and the passengers were early on deck. One of the first things I saw was "Quaker Oats" in large letters, and one passenger remarked he would always eat Quaker oats after this, it seemed so much like home. We docked at 8 o'clock, the customs inspection being of the mildest type. At 11:30 we left Rotterdam by team for Velp, passing through a lovely green country, with windmills and Dutch cattle in abundance. We arrived at Arnhem and found two of my sisters awaiting us. As there was no local train for Velp for an hour, we took a horse car instead, and it struck us as rather strange to begin with the "North Coast Limited" in Portland and end with a horse car in Holland. We are settling down to good, slow Dutch ways, and the children are being taught to speak the language and are doing very well at it. The country and towns have changed very little, only the trees show that 16 years have passed since last I was here.

I shall endeavor to write again after we have visited in some of Holland's famous places. With kind regards, Yours truly, THEO P. CRAMER.

Machinery for New Factory. The new box factory is progressing slowly but when completed will be a plant for Grants Pass to be proud of. The building has a floor space of 90x230 feet and is supported by heavy timbers which rest on 101 concrete piers. The roof trusses are now being put in place and are extremely heavy. The roof will be very large and will require about 40,000 feet of lumber for sheathing. There are to be 20 skylights to give light besides the lighting from the sides. The machinery is to be electrically driven and the different groups of machinery are to have separate motors, thus lessening the possibility of shut-down for repairs.

The shafting pulleys and power will all be under the floor and will be supported on concrete piers as will also some of the larger machines which extend under the floor. The lumber is to be trucked into the factory by horsepower thus saving many heavy lifts for the yard men. The machinery is arriving and being hauled from the depot grounds to the factory. Two cars of machinery were received last week from Mr. Warren's old plant at Anderson, California and contained one double surface planer, three cut-off saws, three rip saws, one band saw, one circular saw, one edger, one grinder, one blower with a large part of the pipe and parts, one two color printing machine, one boring machine, one 100 H. P. electric motor, one transformer or auto-starter, shafting, shaft hangers and boxes, trucks, belting, saws, tools, etc.

The company has been greatly hampered by the non-arrival of material, also by the delay of the S. P. officials in putting in the side track. We understand that the management expects to commence hauling lumber some time during this month so as to be able to start the manufacture of boxes as soon as the building is completed. One machine new to this section is the Elnor, by use of which they are able to use up a large per centage of the otherwise waste lumber as by its use they are able to match and glue narrow boards for box ends that would otherwise be thrown out.

## TWO DAYS CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS

Hundreds of People From Valley Towns and the Country in to Spend the Holiday.

All things considered, the two days celebration by Grants Pass was a success. The weather was ideal and the attendance large, there being more than 3000 people here from all sections of Rogue River Valley. Medford sent a delegation of more than 200, in it being their band of 15 pieces under Prof. Norling that furnished the music for the events of the two days, their baseball team and a big representation of their automobile club that came in six fine touring cars.

The parade was formed at 10 o'clock and headed by the band and Liberty car with Miss Stella Lawton, the Goddess, followed by the mayor and speaker in carriages and floats proceeded down Sixth street to J, then over onto Front street. Some of the floats were clever, Geo. S. Calhoun had a horseless carriage, being a home made production, which nevertheless had much the appearance of the gasoline buggy. Ryan & Jennings blacksmith were shoeing a burrow with a draft horse shoe. Miss Mary VanNoy represented the Columbia phonograph girl for A. E. Voorhies. J. H. Ahlf & Son were also in line with an appropriate display. Other business firms were conspicuous by the absence of display. The Grants Pass and Medford Tribes of Redmen and the local branch of the Order of Pocahontas and the local camp of Modern Woodmen were very well represented by very pleasing floats representing some feature of their order. Many members of the order were also in line.

The exercises were held in the grove at the old bicycle grounds where Senator Fulton of Astoria delivered the 4th of July Oration.

After the exercises field day sports were called, but owing to the lateness only the 100 yard race was run, this being won by H. E. Cook of Medford. The W. O. W. log sawing contests in the afternoon were entered by three teams who each sawed six minutes and 11 seconds. They were expected to saw five minutes but by an error of the time keeper the first team did likewise. The contest was won by Helbert & Rimer, 70 1/2 inches. Colvin & Calloway cut 69 1/2 and Lund & Rader 63 1/2 inches. Another contest was held in the afternoon of the 5th which was won by Rymer and Heloway, 66.75, against Longwell & Evans 65.62. The display of fireworks was excellent, and far surpassed that of former

years. The set piece, however, was a disappointment and required a great stretch of imagination to make an Indian chief appear from the sputtering mass of sparks. Dancing in the pavilion was indulged in by many until a late hour on both nights.

The Balloon ascension which occurred about 9 o'clock Friday morning was by far the best exhibition of the kind ever witnessed in Grants Pass. Prof. Berry, who is a Grants Pass boy has lived here for a number of years had a new 65 foot balloon which shot straight upward when liberated and not until an elevation of 2000 or more was reached did the big bag float off to the south east. It kept rising until about 500 feet when it began to settle and came earthward for 1000 feet before the parachute could be released. The descent to earth was successful in every way. Mr. Berry alighting on his feet in the street not far from the starting point while the balloon dropped near the river. There was an anxious moment for the aeronaut and his friends when the parachute release failed to work but he kept tugging at the rope until it finally released.

The rock drilling contest followed the ascension. There were two teams, Carlton & Brown and Sandry & Johns, the former winning, having drilled 29 inches in 15 minutes. The actual drilling time of Sandry & Johns was 11 minutes and 10 seconds when they ran into an old hole in the rock and they were unable to move the drills. This lost them the contest but in that time they drilled 23 1/2 inches. On the 4th they won a contest at Kennett.

The horseracing was a feature outside the 4th of July committee, and there was considerable kicking by those who had paid their 50 cents to stand in the broiling sun.

The half mile running race, three heats, was won by Brookwood against Rinaldo. In the three-eighths dash, Quo Vadis, Baber Bros' mare, won easily, and Fred Knox's pony won the saddle race.

The crowds in general were good natured and orderly and tramped up and down the hot pavements to the various places of amusement. The two merry-go-rounds, did a thriving business even though there was considerable rate cutting. The water barrels along the streets were well patronized and pink lemonade had a ready sale while a considerable number of citizens tried to knock the heads off the nigger babies at the rate of 10 cents for three throws. No shell games nor gambling devices of any kind were permitted and while there were a number of cases of drunkenness, there were a minimum number of street brawls, which usually are associated with celebrations. The great majority of people went home tired and willing to wait 12 months for another July 4th.

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