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## ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXCURSION

Arrived at Grants Pass at 11:35 A. M. Sunday.

## AND THE BAND PLAYED

Apples, Speeches and Cheers and a Good Time While Our Visitors Were in Town.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Special under the auspices of the Seattle and Tacoma Chambers of Commerce, arrived in Grants Pass on Sunday morning at 11:35 and was received in a highly patriotic and creditable manner. There were present several hundred of our leading citizens, composed of 75 members of Grants Pass Commercial Club, nearly as many of the members of the Fruit Exchange. There was also a large number of ladies of the Auxiliary as well as a general collection of other citizens, making somewhere near two hundred and fifty in all, led by the Rogue River Boy's band. Had the train not arrived during church hour many more would have been present.

The Rogue River Valley Fruit Exchange did the handsome thing by presenting through the Commercial Club four boxes of choice apples which were placed on board the train for the excursionists. The Commercial Club purchased and distributed among the party 150 copies of the Rogue River Courier of last week containing an account of the Ament dam excursion and the speeches made on that occasion.

As soon as the train arrived President Anderson met the prominent men of the party and after handshaking invited them to the freight house platform and called the crowd which had gathered round the depot and alongside of the train to order and introduced I. A. Nadeau, director general of the fair, who made a short speech which was enthusiastically received, by the Grants Pass people. Following this, Prof. Edmond S. Meany, who occupies the chair of history at the Washington University, was introduced and spoke most interestingly of the man in whose honor Grants Pass was named. General Grant, he said, was one of the purest men in thought and deed and yet the tongue of slander had attempted to reach him.

He told a very touching incident in the life of the general. He said when Grant was a young lieutenant he was ordered to Vancouver Barracks, Oregon. At home he left a young wife and one child. After his departure another child was born, and the mother cut a lock of hair from her own head and one from that of the baby, and after they were entwined sent them to the young soldier in far away Oregon that he might have a keepsake of his wife and the child he had never seen. This child became the General Grant of today. Thirty-five years after this

event when the body of the hero of Appomattox was being prepared for the grave, they found the entwined locks of hair which he had carried on his person for more than a third of a century. That incident should silence the tongue of the slanderer. The next speaker was George H. Stone of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce. After the third speech, Mayor Kinney was called for, but it was found that he had started for church the moment the last speech was closed.

The excursionists gave three cheers for Grants Pass and it was returned with a will by our citizens. The waiting locomotive of the train gave a hoarse whistle and all aboard was shouted and the Seattle and Tacoma boosters, with another three cheers for Grants Pass and the waving of handkerchiefs by everybody, passed up the Rogue River and were soon out of sight.

### Director-General Talks.

The train was in charge of I. A. Nadeau, director general of the 1909 Exposition. The writer was so fortunate as to have met Mr. Nadeau while both were traveling in Alaska three years ago. Arriving in Grants Pass he proved to be the same genial gentleman he had been in the north country. He was full of the subject of the great Exposition and spoke in assuring terms of the big coming event. He said "three months in advance of the opening day the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is so far advanced that its completion before the opening time is now assured."

"No Exposition in history ever made such remarkable progress in the construction of its buildings and already the grounds have the appearance of a great world's fair. Many of the larger buildings stand complete and the structures to house the great display to be made by the United States government are well advanced.

"The grading, installation of water, sewers, steam, gas, electricity, heat and all underground work is done. Service buildings complete and in use are the fire station, emergency hospital, administration building and the power station. The agriculture, fisheries, mines, manufactures, machinery, auditorium, music temple, Oregon and California state buildings and the Cascades and geyser basin are complete.

"The structure to house the exhibits from European countries, the fine arts building, the Oriental building and the music temple are more than ninety per cent complete and the Arctic Brotherhood, forestry, Spokane, King county, United States government group consisting of the main exhibit palace and separate structures to house the exhibits from Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines as well as the government fisheries and a biograph building are 40 per cent complete and are bonded to be completed in every detail, April 30. The government appropriation for participation at Seattle was \$600,000. Just before we left Seattle work had commenced on the good roads building, one of the interesting features of the fair.

"Plans have just been approved and work begun on the Chehalis county building, the dairy exhibit, machinery annex, model school, motor boat pavilion, transportation palace, Canadian government building, New York State structure and

the Woman's building. Within a very few days work will be begun on the athletic stadium, American Woman's League building, Yakima county structure, Daughters of the American revolution, Japan government building, Latin-American Republics, live stock, masonic, Arizona, Hoo-Hoo, reproduction of Hudson bay company's fort at Nanaimo, model dairy, several restaurants and a number of fraternal, patriotic buildings. Many states now in session will make appropriations.

"The amusement features are rapidly being installed and the entire Pay Streak is alive with building operations. Exhibits are being offered in quantity and quality that guarantee a large and instructive display. Just before my departure from Seattle I was advised by the department of special events that the following special days had been designated for Oregon Cities:

### A Publicity Representative.

One of the pleasantest gentlemen in the party was Lloyd W. McDowell, representing the publicity department of the fair. He is a reg-

punch table occupied the center of the room, from the corners of which ivy and festoons of paper reached to the ceiling above. The table was presided over by four young ladies.

As the occasion was designed for meeting new-comers, each guest was given a pencil and card to take unfamiliar names and addresses. For the future reference of the Auxiliary, a book was near the door for registering names. The Auxiliary feels that one of its important duties this spring is to see that opportunities are afforded for more social intercourse between the newcomers and older residents of Grants Pass. Certainly in no way can it better make our new friends feel kindly towards their new home.

Mrs. C. L. Clevenger, president of the Auxiliary, very graciously extended a welcome to those present. Her welcome was a broad one, for it was given not only in behalf of the organization she represented but also of Oregon itself, her mother state. She reviewed the early pioneer movement, paying high tribute to the noble spirit which toiled so unceasingly to extend to Oregon the civil-



OREGON BUILDING AT THE ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

ular mine of information and knows how to talk facts in a way that makes one feel they have gained knowledge worth having. In the course of conversation he said "many Western States will be represented by buildings and exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition this summer."

"Oregon's magnificent building was the first state structure complete and California's home is just about completed. The Washington building will be ready within a very few weeks and members of the New York commission are ready to commence the work of building the New York state structure at once.

"A bill carrying with an appropriation of \$25,000 for participation at Seattle is now being considered by the North Carolina legislature and seems likely to pass. Utah has already made a preliminary appropriation of \$2500 for the purpose of investigation and recently a bill appropriating \$30,000 was favorably reported to both committees of the Utah legislature. Nevada will make an appropriation, which will take the form of a typical Nevada mining camp. In Colorado a bill appropriating \$35,000 has been introduced and will no doubt pass. It has been endorsed by every commercial organization in Colorado.

"In Nebraska the house has passed a measure appropriating \$15,000 and the bill has no opposition in the senate. In Wyoming there are excellent prospects for an appropriation of \$15,000 and in Wisconsin a bill appropriating \$10,000 has been introduced in both houses. Minnesota will without a question of doubt appropriate \$50,000 for exposition purposes and North Dakota has arranged for an exhibit. In Montana a bill appropriating \$30,000 is now being rushed through both houses and in Idaho an appropriation sufficient to cover participation at Seattle is assured. Texas and Arizona will both be represented at the exposition. Missouri has been asked for \$50,000 additional.

"Every county in the state of Washington will be represented at the fair. Several will exhibit in separate structures."

### The Auxiliary Reception.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary were hostesses to a large number of friends last Friday afternoon. The hall had been tastefully decorated in green and white, the color scheme being carried out by festoons of crepe paper, beautiful potted plants, ivy and laurel. The

ization we now enjoy, and proudly welcomed the newcomers to a share in the results of these efforts. On the platform were two of these honored pioneers, Mrs. J. T. Tufts and Mrs. Tolin. Later all the native daughters present were asked to come forward to show what Oregon could do. Twelve responded.

Mrs. Clevenger's talk was preceded by two vocal numbers, one by Mrs. Walker, the other by Miss Mangum. The program closed with a solo by Mrs. Ireland.

The ladies who had the affair in charge are to be congratulated on its success and that it was appreciated by all was evidenced by the good use everyone made of the time to become acquainted.

### The Work on the Ditches.

There are now two engineering parties working on the irrigation ditches, one on each side of the river. On the north side they are engaged on the 200-foot level ditch which will supply water for many of the small farms and gardens around Grants Pass. The one on the south side is the 350-foot level. This last ditch will cover Fruitdale and much of the land west and southwest of it. The surveyors will soon be through their work of locating the first named ditch and they will then take up the big gravity ditch on the north side. This will cover nearly all of the land in the river bottom below town. The next thing in order will be the rights-of-way. This is very important work and it will be pushed by local committees in the various districts. It is hoped that the example of Fruitdale in giving free rights-of-way will have a good effect in other sections. On Tuesday and Wednesday officers of the company were out making examinations with a view to locating the line of the several ditches to be built in the near future. The irrigation company has decided to purchase some large improved machinery used in ditch construction and for this purpose Superintendent Carner went to Portland on Thursday night. He will return immediately, and as soon as he arrives teams with plows and scrapers will be sent out to work on the 200-foot level ditch.

The money subscribed at the irrigation meeting at the opera house last Saturday is already been paid in at the office of Secretary Riggs. G. H. Carner took in his check for \$500 Thursday forenoon, that is one-third of his last subscription.

A big lot of spring goods at Dean's.

The following is an extract from a letter received by R. Thomas of this city, and is from Messrs. Scoble & Day of New York, one of the largest fruit and commission houses in the United States. They say: "We buy pears from all over and in many places this fruit has disappeared. Woodland, Cal., use to ship us five cars, then four, then three, then two, then one, and last year fifty boxes was their entire crop, and so it is in half a dozen other districts. Good-bye, Bartlett pears. We get fruit from all along the line, Southern Oregon, Hood River, The Dalles, Wanatchee, Yakima section, Walla Walla, Montana, Utah and Colorado, and we would say that the Grants Pass and Rogue River section is the place to grow pears and if we were to become growers that would be the section where we would invest."

### A Stroke of Enterprise.

On Monday night the people of Fruitdale, gathered in the Centennial school house and took up the subject of securing irrigation this year. There were speeches and business talks plenty and enthusiasm ran high. It was a noticeable fact that they had confidence in themselves and a disposition not to shirk a single duty.

President Gilkey had said at the opera house meeting last Saturday that the ditches would come to those who first put up the construction fee. He went on to say that so far the people under the proposed 200-foot level ditch were ahead and Fruitdale came next. Taking him at his word the people of the district subscribed the \$5 construction fee for every acre of land and went a step farther by contributing the right of way for the ditches. Those Fruitdale people are boomers to a man and have placed themselves in the van of prosperity. They have good land and they know it, and they are resolved to have irrigation now. Our Fruitdale correspondent tells the whole story of the meeting.

### Appointed Superintendent of Ditch Construction.

G. H. Carner was last Friday appointed superintendent of ditch construction. There was no little trouble in getting him to accept the place and it was only by the united efforts of all the directors that he could be prevailed upon to do so. Mr. Carner is a thoroughgoing business man and possesses that peculiarity of push and perseverance so necessary to accomplish results in this important position. It can be said that he has the confidence of the stockholders in a very large degree. There is certainly no better man for the place, being one of the largest land owners in the county and a firm believer in and has been a prominent worker for irrigation.

His personal interests are in the line of his official position. Mr. Carner belongs to that class of newcomers who have wielded an influence for good in this community.

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## SAYS DOUBLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS A NUISANCE

(From the Sacramento (Cal.) Record-Union, December, 1908.)

Alameda Daily Times.—Secretary Russell of the chamber of commerce now denounces that favors two telephone systems for Alameda. In his new position, the Times is of the opinion that Mr. Russell is taking a stand for the best interests of Alameda. As a matter of fact, a double telephone system has proved a nuisance and an expense wherever it has been introduced. Sacramento, for example, was for years afflicted with a double service, which necessitated every commercial house of the city, and in many cases private residences, putting in two phones. Persons wishing to telephone had to hunt through two telephone directories, and put up with other inconveniences which must be appreciated. Finally, the opposition company was purchased by the Sunset people, with the result that the telephone service in Sacramento was immediately improved in all ways.

The experience of Sacramento has been that of other communities where double service has been installed. Santa Clara County suffered from the effects of it precisely as did Sacramento, but long ago the two systems were merged, and Santa Clara relieved of its difficulties. There is no good reason why Alameda County should be made to suffer the experiences of Sacramento, Santa Clara and other communities that have tried the double system. The double system has failed in the experimental stage, and from the nature of things always will fail.

As has been set forth in the news columns of this paper, the merchants of Park street are, with two or three exceptions, opposed to the double service. They probably represent the public opinion of Alameda on the subject. For the best interest of the community the city council could go slow in considering any application for a second telephone franchise.

## RAISED \$30,000 FOR CANALS

Big Gathering at Opera House in Earnest.

## A POPULAR ORGANIZATION

Irrigation in Josephine County Is the Slogan of the New Year.

The irrigation company held an adjourned meeting at the opera house on Saturday the 20th at 2:30 p. m. at which a large amount of business was transacted. The stockholders had received a written notice that at this meeting the question of increasing the capital stock of the company from \$10,000 to \$75,000 would be voted upon, and in accordance with this notice a vote of all the stockholders present was taken. President Gilkey made the announcement that 85 per cent of the capital stock having voted in favor of increasing the stock to \$75,000, it was declared carried. The next in order was a resolution presented by O. S. Blanchard, the attorney for the company, fixing the price of constructing ditches at \$5.00 per acre. After the reading of the resolution which here follows it was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, The directors of Josephine County Irrigation and Power Company assume that the cost of constructing main ditches and canals, will not for a time, exceed the cost of \$5.00 per acre, and

Whereas, the subsequent betterments and arrangement of the ditches as they are constructed, to perform the entire work, may and doubtless will, reach a greater cost, and

Whereas, it is necessary to secure the largest immediate support possible, by subscriptions to the capital stock of said company:

Now therefore be it resolved, That the assumed basis of subscription be \$5.00 per acre until June 1, 1909, as an inducement for immediate subscriptions, and that thereafter for a period of 12 months, the price be \$6.00 per acre, at which time the price can be advanced to \$7.25 per acre;

Be it further resolved, That the privilege of purchase of stock, be first accorded to the present stockholders in such proportion as the number of shares already owned by each, bears to the whole number of shares before the increase, and that the second option be accorded to the actual waterusers of the valley, and third to any person or persons who are not water-users, who desire to assist in the promotion of the enterprise, to such an amount and upon (Continued on page four.)

Out new goods have commenced to arrive

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