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MORO UNITY CLUB ENTERTAINS

With a "Made in Oregon" Banquet in Opera House Hall

Saturday evening, January 17th, was a mile stone in the history of Moro occasioned by the entertainment of our friends and neighbors at Opera House Hall by the recently organized Moro Unity Club and assisted in that endeavor by the Oregon Manufacturers Association in a fully sustained in every particular "Made in Oregon" banquet.

The afternoon train brought a party of twenty from Portland in a special pullman, as guests of the Unity Club, who proceeded immediately from the train to the school house where the pupils of the school had a short program prepared for the visitors which included compositions on The Benefits to State and County of Trading at Home. In the high school division Elmer Barzee, Kathleen Meloy, and Netha Martin were winners of first, second and third prize, respectively; while in the grammar grades Oscar Nash, Violet Messenger, and Abbie Mortensen were winners of first, second and third prizes; in each case the rewards were \$5, \$3, \$2, in each

division. The compositions were written with so convincing logic that it was a surprise to the visitors that the pupils of the school had such an understanding of their subject and they made a request for the articles that they might be published in the papers of the state. Short talks were made to the school by L. Samuel, Phil S. Bates, "Farmer" Smith and Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weatherred.

Guests began arriving for the banquet shortly after 7:30 p. m. and it was but a short time until the hall presented a most animated appearance as the seats at the tables began to be occupied. Places had been provided for 460 guests and but few disappointed themselves or their hosts by absence. The party from Portland were placed in groups at the head of each of the seven long tables that had been placed lengthwise down the hall, which was decorated with Oregon Grape, shocks of wheat, and pennants of different schools; while a banner proclaiming "Made in Oregon" floated over the heads of the diners and across the stage, while the tables were prettily embellished with cut flowers in clusters and vases.

State Senator W. H. Ragdale introduced the speaking when as Toastmaster he stated that that evening was the happiest moment of his life; to be able at such an occasion to welcome not only his friends and neighbors of Moro but those of our sister cities in the county and also such a representative body of men and women from the Rose City and metropolis of Oregon.

Rev. A. J. Adams spoke the words of welcome that it was only too evident all in Moro felt for their guests; he said in part that this is an age of specialists and that to succeed all must in some degree become specialists in some one thing and that some benefactor had once coined the phrase that "to become a benefactor in this age one must learn to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before," but to the speaker the most wonderful part of the phrase was the saying itself.

R. W. Raymond, of Portland responded to the address of welcome, on behalf of the Oregon Manufacturers Association. Mr. Raymond stated that the members of his party were certainly appreciative of the welcome extended and mentioned particularly how well the school children had handled the subject matter of their compositions to which he had listened that afternoon.

L. Barnum, of Moro, was the next speaker and he told in a few words the immense amount of live stock, dressed meats, dairy products, and poultry that was now being shipped out of this county with very little cost to those producing this extra business. From data furnished him by the railroad company he had ascertained that this by products of the farm had now reached an amount equal to the entire interest charges of all the indebtedness of the county and the most pleasing part of the speech was the remark that this had nearly all come about in the last two years, since the banquets given and received by the Moro business men in 1912. It but goes to show how rich this county is in its natural resources when more than \$200,000 of new farm products can be marketed from waste at an insignificant part of its cost, in any one year, as was done last year.

A. C. Black, of the Union Meat company, said it was a disgrace to have the name of being such a great wheat exporting state when the same wheat, kept within the state, and fed to livestock, particularly hogs, would return double the money to any producer of grain. He also said that it was a matter of self preservation and self interest, as well as a matter of state pride other things being equal, to patronize Oregon made products; and dwelt particularly upon the amount of breakfast food and cereals imported into Oregon from other states when there were mills in the state that made a specialty of such products and they could be had in any quantity and would be more fresh and appetizing than the eastern made products. Referring to the live stock industry he also said that when the Portland live stock market was put upon a business basis, three years ago, Oregon marketed through that medium 29,000 of the 85,000 head

of stock passing through the yard; that the next year the proportion was 65,000 of the 120,000 handled and that last year the proportion had grown to 94,000 of 188,000; he also said that all should take to themselves some of the state pride he felt in the fact that in the nineteen months since August, 1912, not one live hog, coming from any eastern state, had been sold in the Portland market.

Miss Ida May Johnston gave a short dissertation upon the topic of keeping our boys and girls on the farm; she referred to the first authentic case of a boy returning to the farm when other life had palled upon him, with reference to the prodigal son; followed with a short resume of the social life possible in a farming community.

A. H. Barnum spoke about county fairs and the Sherman county fair in particular and its educational benefits to be derived by making exhibits and comparing them with other exhibits from different sections of the county. He said some considered a county fair only in the light of a vaudeville show and lost sight of the profit to be derived from the grouping of diversified products from the county as a whole and, also, that some others were so set upon their winning a prize that they lost sight of the fact that some times they were winners when they lost, if they ascertained why they lost.

Farmer Smith, agriculturist for the O-W. R. & N. Co., spoke of the new commercial industry of Oregon, that of corn raising; he said it was now proven beyond controversy that corn could be grown upon any sort of land that is within the confines of Sherman county; he told of one instance where a man at Heppner junction had grown corn upon sandy shifting land and harvested 85 bushel to the acre; another, who had harvested 41 bushel to the acre; and of another instance, in Wallowa county, where 50 bushel was harvested to the acre. He said part of the secret was deep plowing, as corn was a deep rooting plant.

T. S. Townsend, of the Townsend Creamery Co., spoke upon the dairying industry of Oregon; he said that every shipper of cream was a manufacturer and that within a short time he expected to see Oregon supplying the eastern states with dairy products; he also mentioned the higher price paid by a Seattle creamery man over the price paid by Portland firms and said that this was done by the Seattle men to protect their importations of New Zealand butter by holding their butter prices high and allowing them to realize good profit from foreign butter while loosing on the cream they bought at home. Mr. Townsend further said that there was but one common ground for both the shipper and the purchaser of cream to stand upon, and that was quality. He said that quality had always come first with him in his business and that in the long run it paid and every one else who tried to build a business reputation had found it to be correct.

Phil S. Bates, editor of the Pacific Northwest, made a plea for a better system of water way transportation and deeper water at the mouth of the Columbia river with a federal dredger of large capacity for continuous operation. After he had finished his talk L. Barnum presented the following resolution which was adopted unanimously and a copy ordered sent to the Oregon delegation at Washington

Whereas the development of commerce is chiefly dependent on transportation facilities; and, that transportation by water is the cheapest form known and the most attractive to the encouragement of northwest industry; and further; that we have the Columbia river a great natural transportation artery, with one great drawback, the bar at its mouth; and whereas, the great carriers of leading steamship companies will not be sent to the ports of the Columbia unless there is sufficient water on the bar; be it

Resolved: That the citizens of Sherman county as assembled at Moro on this January 17th, 1914, do most heartily and urgently petition Congress for the passage, as an emergency measure, of the bill proposing an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a giant dredger to be placed on the Columbia river bar, the assurance being that with such a dredger added to the scouring action of the jetties, a channel depth of 40 feet may be obtained in but little more than a year, and it is also prayed that the Cello canal be completed at the earliest possible moment to enable barges in tow to transport

our grain and farm products at water haul rates to tide water 200 miles west. Be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be transmitted to our representatives in congress, and that they be asked to respond stating their position in respect to the measure.

This is but part of the program. Space will not permit a more extended comment. We can only add that all present enjoyed the evening and the party from Portland, while expectations of a fine time were high, did not anticipate half the welcome they received.

Members of the party from Portland were Hon. L. Samuel, manager of the Oregon Life Insurance company; Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weatherred, state vice president Womens Good Roads Club and field representative Oregon Manufacturers Association; A. C. Black, manager Union Meat company; Phil. Metchan jr., manager the Hotel Imperial; F. E. Bishop, assistant manager Pacific Coast Biscuit company; R. W. Raymond, manager Oregon Manufacturers Assn; W. G. McPherson, manager of the McPherson Heating & Plumbing company; J. T. Lund, looking for a factory location; R. S. Thomas, sales manager for Golden Rod Milling company; Phil. S. Bates, editor Pacific Northwest, wife and two children; Miss Lane, assistant to Mrs. Weatherred; Mrs. H. L. Vail, representing the Grange; John Manning, democratic primary candidate for governor, and wife; T. S. Townsend, manager of Townsend Creamery company; J. L. Miller, traveling passenger agent, and C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the O-W. R. & N. Co.

At the meeting of the Moro Unity Club last Monday evening it was voted that a special Vote of Thanks be given the ladies of Moro for the time and effort expended upon making this banquet a success in every respect; and, also, that the members of the club fully realize that without the active cooperation of the ladies, so generously given, the banquet could not have been given at all.

It was also voted at the same meeting that a Vote of Thanks be extended to the Oregon Manufacturers Association, as a whole, and to all who contributed or in any way united in making this affair a success; and especially committee members who left their work to attend upon the preparing for the banquet.

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