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A Board of Trade Needed.

The best thing that has ever occurred in this state for the advancement of Oregon was the Development League held in Portland last week. The time is now ripe for just such a body to get in some mighty good work for the state, and that is just what will be done, provided the smaller towns and the counties throughout the state take hold and do their part. With subordinate organizations in every county working in conjunction with the head office in Portland, each particular section of the state will receive its share of immigration and publicity; otherwise the sections which are not represented in this great forward movement, will gradually fall behind. It is to Wasco's best interest to have a Board of Trade so that it can work for the progress of this city, and of northern Sherman county. Our sister city, Moro, has such an organization, that will look after that section of the county, and Wasco should by all means have a similar one. With such a body of men, they could look after all inquiries from prospective home-seekers, tend to having proper literature printed for distribution at next year's Lewis & Clark fair, and in the East, and could take hold of any proposed new industry, electric plant or water works proposition, and get it before the people. Let us have a Board of Trade, and that as soon as possible.

Experience seems to have taught

the lesson, that the only way to prevent nothing in the matter of forest fires. To the north and south east of us fierce fires are raging threatening homes, destroying thousands of feet of valuable timber and loading the air with smoke. The fire does not in such cases take the form of lurid flames, but of careless settlers applying the torch to slashings or inconsiderate campers who leave smoldering embers of camp fires to be fanned into a blaze by evening winds. For this type of fire there is neither prevention nor punishment.—Oregonian. The fire raging for the last week along the Columbia river, it is reported, was started by someone burning out a hornet nest.

The Democratic candidate for Vice Presidency has always been high protectionist. He will be found in following a distinguished precedent in the plank of his party platform on the tariff question, when he writes his letter of acceptance.

Chairman Taggart of the Democratic committee is said to "dearly love an uphill fight." He has one cut out for him now, then, that ought to please him hugely.

If Alton B. Parker's vote had decided the election in 1896 or in 1900 he would have placed a party in power that was pledged to the free coinage of silver.

Every postoffice and public land grafter who is in prison or under indictment is certain that President Roosevelt is "unsafe."

Personalities should not enter into the campaign and it is not right to refer to Judge Parker as the "Belmont entry" in the Presidential race.

Western democrats insist that Hill and Wall street nominated Parker and they propose to let Hill and Wall street see if they can elect him.

Backyard glances into his eyes no longer find the same old

A "GREATER OREGON".

Oregon Development League Met and Formulated Plans For Advertising the State. Delegates Were all Enthusiasm.

With the election of a president, five vice-presidents and a secretary-treasurer, the Oregon Development League was formed at the Marquam Grand theatre last Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Representative men from almost every county and town in Oregon were there as delegates, and the meeting was characterized by a spirit of enthusiasm and patriotism throughout. These men had quit their farms, business or other callings in order to meet together and start a plan for the betterment of Oregon, and as all were there with the very same purpose it was not hard to organize the league.

Tuesday was taken up with election of a temporary chairman and secretary; H. M. Cake of Portland being elected temporary chairman and Col. Hines of Forest Grove, temporary secretary. After this one delegate from each county was called to the stage, and each in turn made a short talk, briefly sketching the most important needs of his section of county. Hon. B. F. Pike, of Moro, represented Sherman county, on the stage, and opened up a sincere plea for an open river and a portage road around Celilo.

Wednesday, permanent organization was taken up at the morning session, and the Committee's report was called for, which named the following officers:

President—E. L. Smith, Hood River Vice-President—F. J. Blakey, Roseburg; J. G. Graham, Salem; A. Bennett, Irrigon; J. H. Aitkin, Huntington; J. Q. A. Bolby, Clatsop. Secretary and Treasures—Tom Richardson, Portland. The report also provided "that annual meetings of the league shall be held the second Tuesday of September of each year, and that meetings may be called at any time by the president and secretary, and recommended that a special meeting be held in Portland in March, 1905," and "that each city, town and community organize its own local league, business club, or other similar organization, or select one of its existing clubs or organizations, which shall become a member of the state league upon the payment of \$5, in return for which membership fee each local organization shall receive from the secretary 1,000 handsome letterheads and envelopes, the same design to be used by the state league and all of its members."

The report was signed by Dr. James Withycombe, chairman, and W. C. Cowgill, secretary. One of the main questions discussed, and one which delegates from every section of Oregon seemed anxious to discuss, was the state portage road around the Celilo rapids. It is thought that the action taken by the Development League will have more influence in securing the relief sought than anything that could have been done. Mr. Henry Hahn of Portland, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The legislature of the state of Oregon, for the purpose of furnishing immediate relief to the producers and shippers of the inland empire, in the month of January, 1903, appropriated the sum of \$165,000 for the purpose of building, operating and maintaining a temporary portage railway around the Celilo rapids, and further made it mandatory that the board appointed thereunder should promptly carry out the provisions of the act immediately upon the funds being available, so as, if possible, to afford the relief due the producer and shipper for the growing crop of 1903; and,

Whereas, An additional act was passed by the legislature in special session of January, 1904, appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing a right of way for the United States government in the construction of locks and canal for a permanent improvement at the Celilo rapids; and

Whereas, Said acts in no wise conflict, and the power under both acts was placed in the hands of a state commission consisting of the governor, the secretary of the state, treasurer, in order that there should be no conflict, and to expedite the relief required; and, the said state board has construed the latter act as the later mandate of the people and the more important one in enforcement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the people, through their representatives in the legislature, enacted the portage road law, deeming it, with its promised speedy relief, the more important measure of the two, and fully realizing that the general government stood committed to finally grant the people of the Inland Empire future, permanent relief; and, be it further

Resolved, That if compatible with public interest, said board be requested to announce, through the press, the present condition and status of the right of way for the United States for the canal, and that of the right of way for the Portage railway, and what steps, if any, have been taken to construct said railway under said act; and, be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a failure to construct said Portage railway will indefinitely postpone the necessary relief and the economic development of the great Inland Empire; and, be it further

Resolved That we request the state board to take such action as will give the people of the Inland Empire the portage road with its speedy and sure relief; and that copies hereof be sent to the members of the state board, to the members of the legislature of the state of Oregon, and to all commercial bodies interested in the development of this state, with the request that they take similar action." Judge Lowell speaking in support of the resolution, made an eloquent plea for immediate action on the portage road, in behalf of the people of eastern Oregon.

He said the Inland Empire is shut out from the Pacific by only a 10 mile gap in the Columbia river at Celilo. If this gap could be built the freight rates from eastern Oregon to Portland would be cut in half. "We are now paying 9 cents a bushel for sending our wheat to this city," he said, "and we want conditions so changed that we shall pay only our share. I am not here to criticize; I am willing to lay the laurels at the feet of the O. R. & N. railway for what it has done, but it has failed utterly to meet the needs of eastern Oregon."

The resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice. The convention closed Wednesday evening, every delegate feeling that something definite had been done which would advertise Oregon through the United States, and bring into our broad domain thousands of good, upright citizens who would help to make a "Greater Oregon."

Specimens Wanted for 1905 Fair.

Mr. Smith, of Grass Valley, paid this office a pleasant call last Tuesday morning. Mr. Smith has been appointed by the County Court to gather grain and fruit exhibits for the Lewis and Clark fair, and is now out canvassing for desirable samples. He has made arrangements with several stores in town to receive any samples that may come in. It is earnestly desired that the farmers throughout the county select some nice specimens of the different varieties of wheat, barley, rye, etc., and when they happen to come to town to leave them at any of the stores, and Mr. Smith will gather them up. All specimens should have a tag attached telling the variety, name of owner, and any other information of interest. It will not be very much trouble to do this, and such fine cereals as Sherman county raises, when displayed at the fair, is bound to do much good in advertising our resources. There will be thousands of farmers, and others, who will examine such exhibits at the fair next year, and we should be on deck with as fine and large an exhibit as is procurable anywhere.

Special Excursions To St. Louis.

August 8, 9 and 10, September 5, 6 and 7 and October 3, 4 and are the remaining dates upon which tickets will be sold at the reduced rates to the St. Louis Fair. These rates apply over the Denver and Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific. For the patrons of these road special excursion cars will be run through from Portland to St. Louis without change. See the many points of interest about the Mormon Capital and take a ride through Nature's picture gallery. During the closing months travel to the Fair will be very heavy. If you contemplate going write W. C. McBride, general agent at Portland for the Denver and Rio Grande, for particulars of these Excursions.

The platform of the Democratic party can be summed up in three words; Get the offices.

Bryan is more consistent than Parker; with Bryan it is silver past present, and future; with Parker it is anything to be President.

We are Coming

With a carload of fine pianos, about September 1st.

Wait and see us

We will save you money, and at the same time make some ourselves. We will also have SIX FINE PIANOS that have been used only a short time—not a scratch on them—you cannot tell them from new. These instruments will be sold very cheap, for cash or on time. Don't forget the date

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The Dalles,

Oregon.

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Duke of Orleans is a full-blooded black Percheron stallion, weighing one ton. He will make the stand in Wasco Saturdays and Sundays, balance of circuit will be made known later. He can be seen at my barn in Wasco for the present.

CHAS. E. JONES.

ALWAYS FIRST!

Miss Margarita Fischer, and her own talented Company will open Wasco's NEW OPERA HOUSE Two Nights Commencing Monday, August 22d.



Opening Play—Augustin Daly's Powerful Drama

"Leah, the Forsaken."

Popular Prices---25 & 50c. Reserved Seats now on Sale at Aker's Store.

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