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SOUTHERN OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Bro. Taylor, of the Klamath Falls Express, Makes a Few Remarks.

J. Scott Taylor, editor and proprietor of the Klamath Falls Express, who attended the State Fair at Salem two weeks ago, tells how the meeting of the Oregon Development League proved a fizzle. Here is what he says:

"The meeting of the Oregon Development League at Salem this month during the holding of the State Fair was a complete fizzle. We were one of the delegates from the Klamath Chamber of Commerce to the League and were disgusted with the way the meetings were managed. The sessions of the League were attempted to be held in the pavilion on the fair grounds. A worse place could not have been selected. Only a few people came to hear, and they to hear the addresses made and the papers read. Talking machines raised hives just outside the entrance, and many delegates to the League were more interested in seeing the machine work that milks four cows at a time than in the proceedings of the League. We trust the management will get wise and not attempt in the future to hold the session of the League at a time and place where it will have to compete with a strong counter-attraction.

"But what we started out to say is that Southern Oregon should organize a strong development league of her own, composed, say, of the counties of Marion, Polk, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake.

"God helps them that help themselves," and these counties, which have mutual interests, should get together and work for those interests.

"The main object of such a league should be the securing of a forty-foot channel over the bar at Coos Bay.

"The securing of such a channel would be the making of the territory comprised in the league.

"While we have no disposition to fight Portland, yet Portland cannot, from the nature of the case, expect always to secure the trade of this Southern Oregon section.

"Nature has planned a great bay on the sea coast of Coos, and all that bay needs, and must have, is a deepening of the channel over the bar and the terminus of a transcontinental railway.

"If we of Southern Oregon get together, we will get what we want, and not otherwise.

"We ought to have a United States senator from Southern Oregon.

"Why should we allow Portland, and Portland interests, to monopolize our senators? Surely in these thirteen counties we have available senatorial timber, a man who would work for the interests of our section, as well as for the interests of our whole state.

"Portland should not be jealous of Coos Bay. She has a vast contributory territory extending up the Columbia and Snake rivers bordered by the three great states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and her position is secure.

"To help Coos Bay would be only one of the objects of such an organization. There are others. Let us of the Southern Oregon counties get together, pull together, and see what we can accomplish."

The HERALD heartily endorses Bro. Taylor's views. But why not go farther and suggest that all the Southern Oregon counties send delegates to Central Point and hold a meeting and form plans to quash any and all plans that Portland may have in view?

LAW IS AGAINST NEW SPELLING

Statute of Congress Fixes Webster's Dictionary as Standard.

It was an awful jolt on the President's spelling reform order the other day when some reckless lawyer of Washington dug up an old statute of Congress fixing Webster's Dictionary as the standard and authority for spelling in all public documents. Webster lived before the day of Carnegie and followed the good old orthodox method of spelling. Doubtless Congress overstepped its constitutional authority when it undertook to fix a standard. The question is, What will the Superintendent of Public Printing do? Will he obey the law of Congress or yield to the instructions of the President?

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