

HOW OREGON WON DOWN AT EL PASO

Helen Lukens Jones, writing in the Pasadena News, says of the trip to El Paso:

"On the train my father and I found the Oregon delegation enroute to the convention that they might begin an early and active campaign for the capture of the next congress for Portland. They formed a splendid group of men, namely, the Hon. E. L. Smith of Hood River, president of the Oregon Development League and a man who has attained an enviable reputation in agricultural science as well as in state politics; Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, Mr. Smith and Judge Lowell later made brilliant speeches before the convention to forward the interests of their state, and these, together with the hustling activities of A. King Wilson, secretary of the Oregon Irrigation Association and a "wheel horse of Portland progress." A. H. Devers and other enthusiastic delegates, won for Portland the congress of 1905. They had a strong and persistent contestant in Boise City, Idaho. Because of the strenuousness of the battle, the victory was more commendable. At first Los Angeles had aspirations, but gracefully withdrew in every way possible. It is hoped that Portland will extend the same courtesy to Los Angeles for 1906, when that city intends to make a strong fight for the possession of the congress.

"The method of campaigning employed by the Oregon delegates attracted great attention and interest throughout the session in El Paso. They were fortified with thousands of Lewis and Clarke buttons, which they distributed broadcast, also broad white satin badges bearing the inscription, "Portland, 1905." They brought with them from their proud state many boxes of delicious crimson apples, but best of all, they brought six Columbia river salmon, aggregating 195 pounds. These were presented to the various hotels where the delegates were stopping, that they might be served and sampled. When El Paso was reached, they fitted up a reception room in the Sheldon hotel. Beautiful pictures of Oregon scenery covered the walls. Apples were on tap. A magnificent salmon four feet in length lay on an ice bed in a huge trough, and was the center of drawing room attractions. Literature regarding Oregon's facilities was conspicuous. Stuffed pheasants with beautiful plumage, assisted the salmon in portraying northern possibilities. The hospitality of the Oregon delegates was delightful. Their atmosphere was one of progression, perseverance and power, and Oregon will not soon be forgotten by those who attended this congress. Their methods of electioneering might serve as excellent examples for the coming Los Angeles campaign, which will undoubtedly take place at Portland next year.

"Human curiosity is an active taskmaster. At El Paso it won against reason, and was responsible for a large attendance at the Mexican National game. Few Americans enjoyed the spectacle, and of them declare they will never go again. Taken as a whole, bull fighting is the most inhuman, hideous, revolting, degrading spectacle imaginable. Horses, so weak and faint from starvation that they can scarcely get off a walk, are deliberately ridden in front of the bull, already infuriated by the thrusts of the banderilleros, and go red to death. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Plimley Evans, delegates from Riverside, I attended one of these fights, because I wanted personal knowledge of this thing that Mexico calls "fin" and "sport." One of the bulls tossed both horse and picador high into the air from the tips of its powerful horns. When they dropped there was gushing blood, quivering limbs, and death most horrible. Two horses and three bulls were killed during this game. As it is the national game of Mexico, they uphold it, applaud it, patronize it incessantly, just as we patronize our theaters. The more blood spilt, the merrier, the more furious the bulls, the better while we? we cringe and cover our eyes and ears to shut out the hideousness. Without the gore and cruelty which, however, seem indispensable to the Mexican ideal, the game would be picturesque and enjoyable to the extreme, for the gracefulness and agility and skill of the matadors, lazadores, banderilleros and picadors in their gay, embroidered costumes as they dart about the arena with the infuriated pursuants, is a wonderful and fascinating spectacle. Every moment you expect to see the man go red to death. But these players have had long training. The bulls are quick, but these men have brains as well as fleetness of limb, and the beasts are powerless against this combination."

Tells Florida Friends About Oregon.

W. C. Martin of Hood River, writing in the Ocala (Fla.) Star, says:

"The exhibit of fruit and vegetables at the Hood River fruit fair such as are adapted to this latitude, was superior to anything of the kind that I ever saw before. Forty-five apples that fill a bushel box, "commercial pack," is something worthy of note. Fifty and fifty-five apples to the box were not unusual. They also had the largest Irish potatoes on exhibit that I ever saw. But Oregon is not in it with Georgia and Florida in the production of watermelons and peaches and sweet potatoes.

The baby show was also quite interesting. There were 39 of the "precious darlings" on exhibition, and 33 badly disappointed mothers.

The reader may think it strange that a man who has passed the seventieth mile stone in life's journey he should take any further interest in baby shows but I realize on such occasions I am looking upon the future citizens of the greatest country on earth, those who will be men and women of affairs after I have gone to the happy hunting ground.

Our hearts were made glad a few days ago by seeing at Ocala boy "bob up serenely" in our midst. Albert A. Graham, who is well known in Ocala, spent a few days in our home. From here he went back to the city and in a very short time he was employed in a book store and news depot. He appears to be very well pleased with this country and thinks that he is here to stay.

The harvesting and shipping of apples is nearly finished for the present season, and the returns are unusually satisfactory. When I meet a Hood Riverite and see a smile spreading all over his face and running down the back of his neck I know he is in the apple business.

Looking for Model Court House.

A committee from the Hood River Commercial Club came down on Saturday's boat to meet the Grangers returning from the National convention in Portland. They had with them three boxes of apples and a good supply of literature for advertising purposes. When asked why they stopped at Stevens, they said that "Hood River expected to build a court house next year and they wanted to inspect the court house just

FORMING MANY NEW RURAL MAIL ROUTES

J. L. Bristow, fourth-assistant postmaster general, in his annual report recently made public, says of the free rural delivery service:

"Extension of the rural free delivery service has resulted in an increase of 1125 in the number of postoffices discontinued during the fiscal year ending July 30, 1904. During the year there were 2549 postoffices established and 5587 discontinued. There was a decrease of 158 in the number of offices established. The principal cause of the increase in discontinuances has been the extension of the rural free delivery service. The total number of discontinuances was 5750 postoffices, with a saving in salaries of postmasters aggregating \$171,121. At the close of the fiscal year there were 71,131 postoffices in the United States—295 first-class, 1294 second-class, 3396 third-class, and 65,766 fourth-class.

"Operation of rural mail delivery and the extension by private interests of rural telephone service have created a demand from patrons of rural routes for the delivery of small packages of merchandise on an order to local merchants by postal card, telephone or otherwise. The value of such packages is small, and the present rate of one cent per ounce, the report says, is practically prohibitive. Mr. Bristow recommends that congress fix a rate of three cents a pound or any fractional part thereof on packages not exceeding five pounds mailed at the distributing postoffice of any rural free delivery route. If this special rate were established, Mr. Bristow says, it would be a great convenience to patrons and become a source of revenue to the department.

"It is estimated that \$500,000 will be needed by the department to continue the establishment of rural routes as fast as they are favorably reported for the remainder of the current fiscal year. An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the establishment of new routes will be asked by the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905.

"An increase in the deficiency of 92.3 per cent over the previous year is shown by the financial statement for the postal service, incorporated in the annual report of E. C. Madden, third-assistant postmaster general, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. The report shows, however, that the increase in expenditures is on account of the rural free delivery service. Were it not for this extraordinary expenditure the postal service now would be about self-sustaining. Total receipts from all sources for the fiscal year were \$143,582,524, and the total expenditures \$152,362,116, leaving a deficit of \$8,779,592. The deficiency for the previous year was \$4,290,454. Mr. Madden says: "It is believed that as soon as the rural free delivery service is fully established the increase in the expenditures on account of that service each year will not be more than the normal increase for other items of the service, and that within a short time after such normal conditions obtain the postal service will again be self-sustaining, a condition which has not existed since 1888."

Stories of the West.

Different conversations with W. F. Laraway, who spent the summer in the West, bring forth different incidents of his trip. He was telling the other day of a former Mills county man whom he found prospering out there—G. D. Boardman, who when here was employed by Strahan & Bishop on a farm east of Malvern. He had a thirty-five acre farm near Hood River, Or., which he has just sold for \$12,000 or \$13,000 per acre. On the farm were ten acres of clover and an orchard containing 12,000 apple trees in their fourth year. The house on the place was worth about \$2000. Mr. Boardman's wife is not in good health and that is the reason he has concluded to leave the farm.

Mr. Laraway's stories of the apples in that country are surprising even to people in Mills county who have the best there. In that section the apples keep all winter without being put in cold storage, which possibility is due to the climate. Mr. Laraway has some pictures of a fruit display that was made there early in the fall, and which fruit was later sent to the St. Louis fair to make a creditable showing for the country from which they came. Mr. Laraway's pictures accompany the exhibit—Glendwood (Iowa) Opinion.

Rapid Development at Bend.

J. N. Burgess and Max Luendemann returned on Wednesday evening from a short visit at Bend where they saw such evidence of growth and development as would convince even the most skeptical of the future greatness of that section of the country. Enormous ditches reaching out across the desert will convey water over an immense level tract of fine land, and already large areas are being cleared for cultivation in the coming spring. Before that time water will be ready for distribution over thousands of acres of heretofore arid land.—Antelope Herald.

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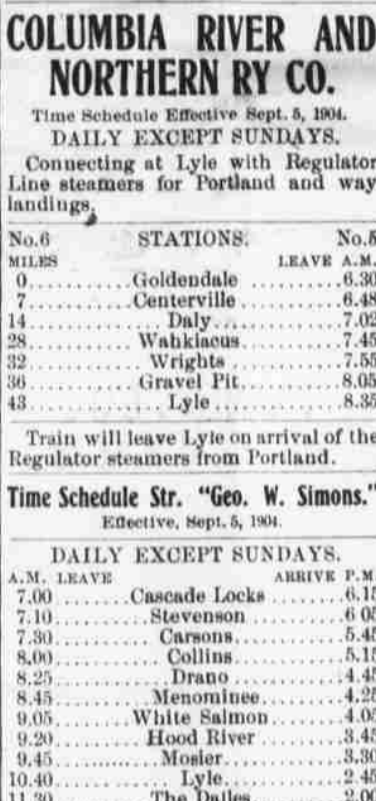
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14	Daly	7.02
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8.45	Menominee 4.25
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