

**Oregon Development League.**

(Special Correspondence)  
Portland, Ore., Feb. 27, 1905.

The Oregon Development League held a convention in the city of Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 27th and 28th.

There are now fifty-one regularly organized bodies holding membership in the Oregon Development League, this makes it the largest and most organized state body in the nation—there is no other state organization in the United States which compares with it in completeness of representation.

The following towns, embracing every section of Oregon, are represented in the State League by local organizations: Albany, Arlington, Astoria, Baker City, Burns, Coquille, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Elsie, Estacada, Eugene, Fairview, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Harrisburg, Heppner, Hillsboro, Hood River, Huntington, Independence, Medford, Myrtle Creek, North Bend, North Yamhill, Oakland, Ontario, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, The Dalles, Union and Vale.

The general officers are as follows: President, E. L. Smith, Hood River; Secretary and Treasurer, Tom Richardson, Portland; Vice Presidents, F. Blakeley, Roseburg; A. Bennett, Astoria; F. W. Waters, Salem; J. A. Atkin, Huntington; J. Q. A. Bowler, Astoria.

A reception will be tendered the League by the Portland Commercial Club. The railroad rates for the occasion will be announced later.

The active officers of the League are determined that this gathering shall result in a plan being decided upon that will insure all the different interests of Oregon being so represented on the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Exposition as to enable every visitor to get reliable data regarding any portion of this state upon any subject. Homeseekers are now visiting every part of Oregon and there will be many thousands coming here during the Fair, who will desire to investigate the different sections of the state, and it is the purpose of the League to be of assistance to such homeseekers.

A complete program is being arranged and will be given out later. A dollar dinner given by the members of the League has been discussed, but is not yet definitely decided upon.



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Another nameless crime has been committed upon the person of a young white woman in Jackson Miss. by a black negro. Governor Vardeman promptly offered \$500 for delivery of the man alive, to the legal authorities. The man supposed to be guilty is in custody, strongly guarded. We have no words to express our deep feelings on this subject.

A committee of the Panama Canal Commission has recommended the building of a sea level canal, 150 feet wide at bottom, 35 feet in depth of water, and at a cost of \$230,500,000. It is believed this work can be completed in ten years.

Judge Charles Swain of the United States district Court of Florida, was acquitted of all charges against him by the United States Senate in trial before that body.

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