LEAGUE WILL SEND OUT INVITATIONS.

The Lake County Development League met again last Friday night and accomplished much good. Speeches were made by W. H. Wire, Daniel Boone, J. N. Watson, C. F. Sailer, Leo Beall and W. E. Sailer, which show that a great deal of interest is being manifested by persons who have not been in attendance before. It was decided to write letters to several government officials and men in authority for information which will point out the safe and sure way to proceed with the work of irrigating Lake county.

W. E. Sailer was elected treasurer.

The League is soliciting membership all the time and more thoroughness is manifested at each meeting. Besides the monthly dues of 0.25 cents, an additional sum of $1 was charged as initiation fee. This was readily paid by most all present, and now the League has a little money on hands. Any one who wishes to help along the development of lake county may do so by joining and donating such sum as they may feel like giving to a good cause.

The secretary was instructed to send out letters to every taxpayer in the county.

The object of the letter can best be understood by reading it.

The letter is given in full below.

Lakeview Oregon, March 28th, 1905.

Mr. --

Dear Sir--

I beg to state, that at a recent meeting of the LAKE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE, the Secretary was instructed to write you, and all other residents of Lake county who are likely to take any interest in the upbuilding of our county and the advancement of our mutual interests, and not only invite, but earnestly solicit you, to give the matter your best thought and influence; and when possible attend the League meetings held the First Saturday in each month, and give us the benefit of such suggestions as may impress you as being beneficial to the county.

The question may be asked, what does the League propose to do? What will its efforts result in, etc.

In the first place, the stigma shall no longer attach to us, that unlike any other residents of the State, we either cannot offer any arguments to recommend Lake County to the man of enterprise, the business man, or the home-seeker; or else our ideas are so vague, our sentiments so selfish that we care not, how it fares with others, so long as we are prosperous; or shall this seeming opacity be attributed to our stupidity or want of intelligence, when we know that the tens of thousands of acres now unoccupied, and produce nothing but sagebrush and jackrabbits, can be made the most productive farms and prosperous homes in the County, if we only exercise a unity of sentiment and action that will appeal to our Representatives in Congress, and the Secretary of the Interior, and other officials, that we can be in close touch with, if we only make them know that it is really the wish of all our people that the government will undertake the irrigation of our arid lands, and by this means make us rich in our possessions, happy in the increase of population, and the lessening of our taxation, as well as the quickening of our transportation facilities.

To tell all we want to do, and how it can be done, and the good results that will follow, would make this a voluminous letter, and for the present we will content ourselves by giving us water and plenty of it, for irrigation purposes, and we shall see thousands of smiling homes upon what we now call our sagebrush wastes or deserts.

This like all other enterprises, is necessarily attended with some expense, and to meet this membership fees are fixed for the present at Twenty-five cents per month, so far, many of those who have been enrolled have generously donated one dollar or more the first month in addition to the twenty-five cent fee.

Liberality of this kind will help greatly toward getting printed matter in circulation, and do much to make money will alone do.

Consequently, you feel you able to donate a trifle and send in your name to the Secretary for enrollment, it will be much appreciated by the League.

Very truly yours,

J. W. MAXWELL,
Secretary Lake County Development League.