

ENTIRE STATE HELPS THIS SECTION

It was the intention of Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent for the O.-W. R. & N. company to attend the Central Oregon Development League convention, but owing to business matters suddenly arising, he was unable to be here as he had planned.

However, he has written the following regarding the prospects of the Central Oregon Empire:

Klamath, Grant, Wheeler, Crook, Lake, Harney and Malheur counties comprise what is generally termed Eastern Oregon. These seven counties have an area of 48,760 square miles, and the census of 1910 gave them a population of 32,263. Delaware, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont have a combined area of 41,310 square miles—7,450 miles less than the counties named—with an accredited population at the last census of 7,766,112.

The states and district mentioned had something more than 7,999,000 people than all of Oregon. The population per square mile in Delaware in 1910 was 103; in the District of Columbia, 5,517; in Massachusetts, 418; in New Hampshire, 47; in New Jersey, 337; in Rhode Island, 598; in Vermont, 39. Oregon's population per square mile in 1910 was SEVEN. Most of its inhabitants are in the Willamette Valley, and the population of Central Oregon per square mile is less than TWO.

Washington, Idaho and parts of Western Montana and Wyoming were a part of Oregon at one time. This was, indeed, a great state. It still is. There is none better. But we will have to get more than two people to the square mile in the central portion and to educate them up to the knowledge that the wonderful valley of the Willamette is only a part of this magnificent commonwealth.

The Central Oregon Development League is engaged in an effort to get people on the land. Back of this organization is the State Development League, and behind them there should be a united citizenship. Every section of the state is clamoring for recognition—putting forth its claims for settlers through printed literature and through the personal solicitation of the people. A broader call is the silent cry of the land itself in its bounteous crops and its splendid response to the efforts of the man who tills it.

The state organization does not discriminate. From its offices in Portland there goes forth literature descriptive of Oregon as a whole, and every section is impartially dealt with. Specific data concerning particular localities is furnished on request through the local organizations.

The most thickly populated sections of the state are near the larger cities and convenient to the transportation lines. These, with reference to the rail lines, are branching out as fast as the railroad builders can do the work. Money is not always available for railroad construction at the time the builders want it. The construction of a new railroad weans a wait for returns. No railroad in the Pacific Northwest begins paying dividends from the time it is turned over to the operating department. It cost the O.-W. R. & N. \$100,000 per mile to build a line from the Columbia River into the Des Chutes Valley in Crook county. Much of the distance was through a precipitous and rocky canyon, where there is neither present nor prospective revenue. It was Central Oregon's rich valleys that led to the building. Another branch of our line is being built westward from Vale into Harney county. When these roads will unite, and when other lines will be constructed I cannot say, but they will be built in time for the convenience of the people and for the transportation that will be had. Your great forests, your grain fields, your orchards and your stock will furnish traffic of immense volume.

Fabulous wealth exists here. There are homes for multiplied thousands in this region, and it will attract those who are now looking for just what you have to offer.

When the purchase of Alaska was under consideration in the United States senate, certain American statesmen went on record as saying that it would be dear at any price. The purchase of the territory which includes Oregon did not arouse any enthusiasm. Even when it applied for a territorial government Daniel Webster said: "It is so far off that a delegate to congress could not reach its nation's capital until a year after the expiration of its term."

In face of the fact that we have had three members of the cabinet with us this summer, and that we have representation in both branches of the congress, it would seem possible that even the greatest statesmen

MENTAL CLINIC AT HYGIENIC GATHERING

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—A "mental clinic" in active operation for the purpose of testing school children and classifying them as mentally alert, dull or idiotic, will be one of the novel features open to visitors attending the fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, according to an announcement made today by Dr. Thomas A. Storey of the College of the City of New York, and secretary general of the congress.

The "mental clinic" will be in operation the entire week of the congress from August 25 to August 30, and will be for the purpose of demonstrating to educators and public health officials just how easy it is for money and time to be wasted by keeping "dull" school children in the same classes with their mental superiors or pupils who are mentally normal. The clinic will be conducted under the supervision of Dr. J. E. Wallin, director of the psychological clinic at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Wallin contends that a large number of methods of testing school children to determine how fast they should be advanced, now used by teachers, are altogether incompetent as a means of securing proper results. His mental clinic is accordingly expected to prove not only an interesting novelty in the way of an exhibit, but also an instructive lesson for all educators and educational officials who are desirous of improving school conditions in their respective localities.

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Distance has been annihilated in the years which have intervened between the formation of the provisional government in 1842 and the establishment of a territorial government six years later.

Alaska has sent over \$200,000,000 in gold to the assay office in Seattle alone since 1898 as interest on the purchase price of less than \$8,000,000. Her fisheries, her coal and her other products, in addition to the continued output of gold, means many additional millions for the future.

The purchase price of Oregon carries to be set down in figures. It cost something besides money, and its possession and occupation means more than sordid bargaining. It was bought with the life-blood of heroic men and brave women, and made habitable through the efforts of pioneers who braved perils, withstood hardships, encountered privations, and who sacrificed much in order that the wilderness might be reclaimed. These noble men and women were empire builders in the only true meaning of the word, and to whom credit alone should be given. All honor to them.

The cost of the land may not be told. But who shall say it was dearly bought. The sacrifice of the pioneer is a precious heritage. They bequeath a legacy the value of which no man can even estimate. Alaska has made generous return. She has given princely sums for the pittance paid. She is still producing enormous wealth. In time, however, her stores of gold and other metals will be worked out to depletion, her measure of coal will become exhausted and the fishing industry wane. This is the history of products of this character.

Oregon, however, will continue to yield. While the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall not cease. In the fertile valleys and uplands of this vast domain there is a storehouse from which unending supply shall come to meet man's needs and add to his wealth in money and chattels.

Agriculture is a science—an art. It means in simple terms the supplying of human wants from the products of the soil and associated industries. Agriculture is Oregon's gold of today and its Golconda of the days to come.

Development has seemingly been tardy and settlement slow. This is our plaint. But this state is young in years, as the history of nations is counted. We should not expect too much of a single generation. The densely populated portions of other states have been years in building.

Land cultivation in Oregon has demonstrated land values. The true way, the sure way and the safe way to people the lands is to establish their worth. The manner in which to do this is to prepare the land with care, plant intelligently, cultivate carefully and reap with judgment. The railroads are teaching agriculture in conjunction with the state colleges and independently. The O.-W. R. & N. has a corps of trained agriculturists, stockmen and writers constantly in the field. One of the encouraging signs of the times is the teaching of agriculture in the public schools. There is no part of the child's training more important than that which teaches the way things

"SHOW ME" GOVERNOR DONS JEANS AND WORKS THE ROAD

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 20.—Governor Major today declared he would make good his promise to don overalls some time this afternoon and put into practice his theory that every citizen of the state should do a day's full work on the roads to give Missouri the best roadways in the country.

Today was the day set by the governor as good roads day, and thousands of men were expected to follow the governor's example.

One hundred convicts aided in the work, and moving picture men were on the job in various sections.

Lake County Fair

Lake county is to hold a fair this year. This is the encouraging information given out by County Judge Daly, but inasmuch as details have not been arranged, no definite information can be given out as yet. A fair board of three will be appointed by the county court. Judge Daly has requested Commissioner Anderson, who resides at Lake, to name one member from the northern part of the county, and until he is heard from no members will be appointed. The exact dates have not been set, but the fair will probably be held in the early part of October.—Lake County Examiner.

So Say We All of Us

Almost every day we meet friends in the street. We shake hands and in the hurry and bustle of our daily rounds sometimes we forget. We trust our friends will pardon small lapses of memory.—Alturas Plaindealer.

Paved Highway

In response to numerous inquiries from Gold Hill and Rogue River regarding the location of the highways to be improved, provided the road bond issue carries, County Judge Tou Velle has written the following open letter:

"To the citizens of Gold Hill and Rogue River—It is the county court's intention to improve the county road through both Gold Hill and Rogue River, provided the bond issue carries. They will be on the paved county highway."—Medford Mail Tribune.

The assessment roll of Modoc county for 1913 totals \$7,351,313, as against \$6,429,489, the increase this year over last being \$921,824.—Alturas Plaindealer.

Some Failed

Sixteen per cent of those who took the spring state teachers' examination failed. How this compares with former examinations is not known, as it has not been the custom to keep this record. There were 1,562 applicants who took the examination, the largest number yet given the examination at one time in Oregon. Of these 1,124 earned their certificates, 188 took the examination for exemptions, and 250 failed. This figures out that 72 per cent received certificates, 12 per cent wrote for exemptions, and 16 per cent failed.

No, Not Like the Rodeo

The Oklahoma Ranch Wild West show that appeared at the ball park yesterday afternoon and evening lives up to its name in one painful particular. It makes every one who attended wild to think they let go of good coin to be allowed to pass into the arena. It is about as wild a show, from the point of value received, as one will find in the West, the East, the North or the South. And while it is being wild, it is very, very tame.—Medford Sun.

It is practical; it is of present value and of lasting benefit. Knowledge of agriculture is an accomplishment of true worth.

This is not only a land of plenty, but it is a region of scenic grandeur and transcendent delights. The late Edward H. Harriman, an observing and a widely traveled man, came to Klamath county to found his summer home. He knew of the attractions of this and other lands, and he selected Oregon in preference to any other locality.

Nowhere can there be found grander mountains, more picturesque panorama of natural wonders than here. The world traveler exclaims with delight at the marvelous and unparalleled beauties of this western land.

We who live here are indeed fortunate. We have riches of earth, grandeur of environment, salubrity of climate, and all that goes to make life worth living. To this place we call home we ask others to come, knowing that they will be helped in every way.

Let us then go forth to tell with renewed vigor the story of Oregon and its worth. We cannot say too much in its favor as a place in which to live, and in which to get all that is worth living for.

TOWN TOPICS

Gone After Deer.—E. H. Lawrence, the cigar manufacturer, and Dr. Westfeld left this afternoon for Round Lake, where they expect to slay a deer or two. They are making the trip in Lawrence's big runabout.

Kip VanRiper Sick.—Kip VanRiper of VanRiper Brothers is absent from his post of duty in the store today, owing to illness. He has been feeling unwell for several days.

Free Art Exhibit.—Of more than usual interest is a collection of paintings representing the buildings under course of construction at the exposition grounds in San Francisco, which are on display at the White Pelican hotel. The paintings were brought by Director of Exhibits Colvin Brown, and the public is invited to see them.

Return to S. F.—Arthur Arlett and B. G. McDougall, contractor and architect of the White Pelican Hotel and the Klamath County court house, have returned to San Francisco, after a visit of several days here.

Some Driver.—D. C. Barker, the Prineville speed fiend, brought over a load of Development league delegates from Redmond in his big Chalmers car Tuesday, but did not clip nny time from the record he established on his return trip from Klamath Falls July 4th. On that trip Mr. Barker made the 217 miles in 7 hours and 55 minutes. This was not the actual running time, but included all stops, and is considered by all car drivers to be a record that will stand for some time to come.

Prepares for Winter.—Contractor Harris is completing the Central garage building, putting final touches around the windows and building a cement foundation for installing a heating plant.

More Fords Coming.—Another car of Fords cars are due to arrive at the Ford garage the latter part of this month. Mr. George Blehn, who drove a new Ford from Portland the first of the week, made arrangements while in the northern city for four more cars to be handled here this season. He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Blehn.

Bookmaker Asks About Fair.—Judge George T. Baldwin, chairman of the committee in charge of the Klamath County Fair Association, received a telegram today from J. K. Baile, dated at Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Baile has heard about the fair to be held here in September, and wired the Judge for permission to make books on the races during the fair week. He explained at length that his method did not come under the

Back From Vacation.—Gerry Cozad and wife and Miss Vera Cozad arrived home this morning at 3 o'clock from an outing in the John Day country. Mrs. Cozad and Miss Vera have been away several weeks, and Gerry went a few days ago to fetch them home. They came home by way of Crescent, where they met several people from Klamath, among them being H. E. Crane and "Doc" Powell.

head of gambling, as he simply sold pools on the Paris-Mutual plan. The Judge is sending him a letter explaining that there will be no races at the Klamath Fair.

Will Try Again.—Fred Houston, Ed Bodge and Harry Ackley, who were among the first local Nimrods to shoulder arms after the deer season opened, will try their luck again tomorrow. This trip will be a short one around the Upper Lake woods.

Inspect Water Hydrants.—Fire Chief E. W. Wakefield, with a couple of assistants Saturday examined all the fire hydrants of the city, and found all to be in excellent condition save the one at Sixth and Klamath avenue, which from some unknown cause refused to spout. "The waterless hydrant will be fixed immediately," said Chief Wakefield. "Every month we inspect the entire number, 108 in all, and if anything is the matter with any of them we lose no time in having them put in shape for use in case of a fire."

Some Cucumbers, These.—The cucumber, running second in size only to the watermelon, and for flavor unequalled by anything in the land, is the latest of Klamath county's agricultural products to step into the calcium. Frank Tunnel, who has a ranch near Merrill, has a quarter of an acre of embryo dill pickles 100 per cent over size, and they are already supplanting the California and Rogue River Valley product in the local market.

DIGGS IS SCORCHED TO A CINDER BY PROSECUTOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—"The defense in this case is a remarkable one," said Attorney Roche of the prosecution during his argument to the jury in the trial of Maurey F. Diggs this afternoon.

"Ordinarily the defense is based upon the innocence of the defendant. In this case it is based upon his depravity, and Diggs hides behind the skirts of his wife and child."

"There is no conclusion possible," he continued, "but that he coerced promise of marriage."

"When Diggs got to Reno, he intended to abandon the girls, and by the same promise of marriage he tried to get Miss Warrington to swear falsely to save him."

"Diggs showed his character by his relations with the Warrington girl in his own home, in the sanctuary of his own wife, while she was absent," thundered Roche. "He might have been forgiven for this, but when he afterward requested his wife to invite into that same home the girl, that was the most cowardly crime on the character."

The case will go to the jury this evening.

In case of a mistrial or a hung jury, Roche says there will be an immediate new trial.

Jury Finds Diggs Guilty

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—The jury in the Diggs case returned a finding of guilty on four of the counts, disagree on but two. The penalty for the crime for which the man is thus convicted is a sentence of from one to five years on each count.

News of Our Neighbors

Gossip and Progress of Nearby Communities as Chronicled in the Press.

Poor Corporation!

Alleging that its charges are insufficient to yield a return sufficient to pay operating expenses, and that its business is being conducted at a net yearly loss of \$29,735, the Home Telephone company of Southern Oregon has filed a petition with the state railroad commission, petitioning under the public utilities law for an increase in phone rentals over those now charged in Medford and Jacksonville.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

Must Have Requisitions

According to a ruling of the Douglas county court, any officer or person who purchases any supplies, material of employs the services of any assistant, or incurs any other liability, unless he has a requisition therefor, signed by one of the officers will be deemed to have purchased such supplies or material, or employed such assistance on his own account and must pay therefor.—Roseburg Review.

Some Head, This

A few weeks ago the Portland Oregonian was telling about a head of lettuce raised in that part of the country weighing something like three pounds, and was twenty-two inches in circumference. Well, the Herald office has a head of lettuce that was raised in the garden of Tom Watson, in South Lakeview, that will make the Oregonian look wise. The head weighs five pounds and twelve ounces, and is fifty-eight inches in circumference, and stands fifteen inches high. This head of lettuce was weighed on the scales in Bailey & Massingill's store. Mr. Bailey called out the weight, and it was measured by Dolph Schminck and Walter Dykeman.—Lakeview Herald.

New Railroad

A contract has been closed with H. P. Scheel of Tenino, Wash., for the construction of a standard gauge steam or electric railroad from Metolius to Prineville. The construction work will start as soon as the right of way and other necessary preliminaries are disposed of. It is as yet undecided whether or not electricity will be used from the start, but it can be safely stated that ultimately it will be an electric line, as Mr. Scheel is heartily interested in patents of power production as well as being the owner of extensive coal fields.—Lakeview Herald.

Cougar in Barnyard

Invading the barnyard on the farm of George Weddle, one mile above Sweet Home, a cougar attacked a band of hogs recently and was killed by Mr. Weddle, who brought the animal's skin to the county clerk's office at Albany and collected the state bounty. It was a 2-year-old cougar, measuring about 6½ feet in length, being smaller than the average cougar killed in the Cascade mountains.

CENTRAL OREGON LEAGUE SESSION

At 9 o'clock Tuesday evening in the high school assembly hall, C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial Club formally opened the fourth annual convention of the Central Oregon Development League. Mr. Chapman gave a brief resume of the good already accomplished by the league, and painted in a glowing word picture the wonders yet to result.

In presenting the chairman of the evening, J. W. Brewer, vice president of the league, Mr. Chapman said, "the great success of the Central Oregon Development League is from the tireless and unceasing efforts of just such efficient and capable men as Mr. Brewer."

In taking the chair, Mr. Brewer explained that his speech-making would come later, and that for the evening he would confine his efforts to attending strictly to the duties of a chairman.

He called on the Rev. George Feese who invoked spiritual guidance while the audience stood with bowed heads. In his supplication the minister begged the league to not forget the importance of developing the man while developing the land.

"On behalf of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce," said the chairman, "a word of welcome will be extended by a man who 'is a booster in deed and in truth,'" and he led forth Judge Will S. Worden, who made a short, but earnest address, ending with a warm welcome from the county. He was followed by Mayor Nicholas, who claimed to be embarrassed, but failed to show it. The mayor very graciously turned over the city to the visiting delegates.

A response to the welcoming words of the Judge and Mayor was made by the president of the league, William Hanley of Burns. On the platform Mr. Hanley looks a great deal like William Jennings Bryan, and has the same easy pose and ready flow of words as the "Boy Orator."

With much suppressed merriment—and some that wasn't suppressed—he recalled the days when Klamath Falls was known as Linkville—"a little burg of a few snakes and a frog or two—maybe three. But it was a good place, even in those days." He spoke of the idle waters in our rivers, the wasted moisture in our skies, and told of the wonderful things to be when the rivers had been properly harnessed and the moisture conserved and utilized.

Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt sang "Carmena," a beautiful selection, splendidly rendered. In response to an insistent encore, Mrs. Zumwalt touchingly interpreted "The Last Rose of Summer." Both selections were vastly pleasing. The piano accompaniments were skillfully rendered by Miss Aimee Wing.

The next speaker was A. W. Orton of Portland, former register of the land office for this district, who had made himself useful dring the song recital by holding the music for Miss Wing. "I'd rather listen to the music, or hold the music," said Mr. Orton, while the audience laughed. "However, I'll tell you about the Oregon land laws, and suggest a few changes." He then explained Homestead, Desert, Timber and Stone, Isolated Tract and Adjacent laws. He made a strong plea for the doing away with the residence clause of the homestead law.

Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural College, talked on development work in general, making the farm attractive in particular.

"Not 'back to the farm,' but 'stay on the farm,' should be our slogan," said the speaker. "We have 45,000 farm boys in Oregon, and let's keep them there. There is where they should be, not in the cities." The doctor swatted the "powers that be" for cutting down the appropriation for normal schools.

After the program for the evening had been concluded, the committee of arrangements held a session, at which the program for today and Thursday was altered to conform with the arrival of the different speakers from a distance.

Prospect of Colony

The Watzig Brothers, three Germans, after an extended trip through the Pacific Coast states, are here with the announced intention of locating in this county. They will probably take up agricultural and horticultural pursuits, and will be very desirable citizens. Others of their countrymen may also locate here.—Roseburg Review.

Fined for Speeding.—Elmer Beardsley was fined \$5 on Saturday by Police Judge Leavitt for exceeding the speed limit in his automobile on Main street, near the White Pelican hotel. He was charged with running about thirty miles an hour.