

OREGON PROGRESS WORKERS

State Development League to Be Organized

Special Correspondence Committee of the Salem Commercial Club Created

The meeting of the Salem Commercial Club, at the city hall Tuesday evening, to encourage the organization of a state development league, was well attended, about 200 being present, and a great interest and enthusiasm were shown for the new lines of work presented to bring more people to Oregon.

The principal speakers were W. E. Coman, the popular manager of the Harriman lines in Western Oregon, and Thos. Richardson, late of New Orleans, who has been secured by the Commercial Club of Portland to organize a state development league. The gentleman delivered an earnest and at times eloquent address of nearly an hour's length, and at several places he was heartily applauded. The meeting demonstrated that the business men and property owners of Salem are thoroughly alive to the necessity of encouraging all methods of promotion and development that come into reach, and a vote of thanks was extended to the distinguished visitors for their presence and encouraging addresses.

Correspondence Committee.
After the meeting the officers of the club introduced Messrs. Richardson and Coman to many of the most prominent

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inent and enterprising citizens who were present. About a dozen of the club officers and workers for promotion enterprises had met the gentlemen at an elegant dinner at Hotel Willamette, where Oregon cherries, peaches and crab salad, fresh from Yaquina bay, were served as delicacies of the season. After cigars, all repaired to the city hall, and, as a result of the heart-to-heart talk with the officers and leaders of the Commercial Club, a correspondence committee on a large scale will be organized at once, by means of which hundreds of people will be set at work writing to their friends and relatives in the East, and mailing them literature and papers. In his address and after-meeting talk Mr. Richardson emphasized the value of the local papers as an advertising medium to bring settlers, far above the pamphlets that are sent out. The latter are discounted as "railroad literature and boom literature generally," and outlived their day. Personal letters and the local papers are a more worth using, he says.

Local Workers Speak.
Some excellent speeches were made by local workers for the expansion of Salem. R. J. Hendricks spoke of the good work done by the Commercial Club in the past few years in promoting enterprises that were bearing fruit in all directions at present. Mayor Waters spoke of the grand results to be obtained by the spirit of co-operation, and that were making their influence felt in securing extension of motor lines in several directions. We must build up the outlying country, he said, if we would reach the great results in the city. The city lived from the growth of the country. Frank N. Derby spoke of the splendid spirit of the Salem people, and their readiness and willingness to take hold of the opportunities that presented themselves for the upbuilding of the city. They were ready and willing to take hold of any meritorious enterprise. County Judge Scott spoke of the transforming influence of better roads, and how the suburban and farming lands could be made more valuable by bringing in more people and giving them better means of communication. Tilton Ford, in conclusion, gave his hearty endorsement to the common sense views of the gentlemen who had spoken for the development league.

Immediate Work Begun.
The Commercial club will take immediate steps, through its officers, President E. Hofer, Vice-President R. J. Hendricks and Secretary J. G. Graham, to organize the correspondence committee, and began work today. Five thousand people are wanted to write a letter each to their friends in the East about Oregon, and give the names and addresses of possible Western settlers to the club. Hand the names in to either of the gentlemen above named, and The Journal and other literature will be sent to them at once with a postal card saying that it was done at the request of an old friend in Oregon, giving your name and address, and they will be requested to write you for further information. All who read this know of some one who might wish to know more about Oregon, and the development work will begin with you, and will be backed up by the club. An active correspondence committee will be organized at once. Let us cease living in the past. Let us live in the only living reality, the Eternal Now.

Delegates to Portland.
The call for the state development league convention will be issued today, and the mayor, the county judge and the Commercial Club will each be asked to name 10 delegates to the Portland convention. Each delegate will be asked to prepare some facts on special written lines of industry, and present the same in duplicate copies of type-written matter for the information of persons who will be reached through the organization. The Commercial Club delegates will be carefully selected in accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted, authorizing the president of the club to name 10 delegates. A large extra edition of The Journal is printed today, and copies are wrapped ready to send direct to Eastern friends. Hand in addresses of persons who may be ready to come to Oregon this fall and see our country when it is at its best. Let all go to work with a will.

PUBLIC LIGHTING PLANTS

Several Propositions Will Be Made to the City

Statements in Favor of the Success of Municipal Ownership Elsewhere

Mayor Waters and the committee to whom are to be submitted water powers and propositions for public lighting plants, have heard of several propositions that will be placed before them in writing, and one of them no less than the North Salem water power and mill property. All who have available water powers and property suitable to be converted into a lighting plant for the city of Salem should at once get their propositions into tangible shape, and submit them, with a flat price at which the property can be obtained.

It should be remembered that in September the present lighting contract with the city expires, and whatever action is taken for the substitution of this matter to a vote of the people under the present charter will have to be taken at once. The next legislature may take away the power of the people to get a direct vote on this matter, and then the opportunity will be gone. Under the present charter the people can acquire a lighting plant independent of the city council, and that action should be followed up by installing a plant that will guarantee cheaper lights to the city and to the consumer.

Reduced Bills One-Half.
J. Conner, proprietor of the Willamette Hotel, of this city, was seen by a Journal reporter, relative to the proposed public ownership of an electric lighting plant. Mr. Conner, some months ago, installed a private gas plant, from which he has since lighted his hotel, as an avenue of escape from what he considers exorbitant prices imposed by the lighting company. Mr. Conner invested about \$400 in his plant, having a capacity of 200 lights of 100 candle power each, and has since been able to do the lighting at the unusual figure of \$20 per month. He admits that he does not like the light as well as first-class electricity service, but since he could not get good lighting service from the company, he felt this was the best way. He has reduced his bill from one-half, and increased the efficiency of his light nearly 100 per cent. At the same time, he is frank enough to admit that in a public place, where everybody handles the light, and it is used in all the way from 25 to 250 places in the building, he prefers electricity. As a natural consequence, Mr. Conner is very much in favor of the city of Salem conducting a lighting business, either by purchasing the present plant and operating it, or by putting in a new plant of its own.

What an Ohio Town Has Done.
Mr. Henry Hartman, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, a town of 5000 inhabitants, is in the city, visiting his cousins, the Barr brothers and sisters. He is in the jewelry business in his town, and is taking an extended vacation in the West. He is especially interested in the movement agitated here of the city ownership of a lighting plant, and told The Journal reporter of his city's experience in that line. They expended about \$10,000 on their plant. The public are furnished incandescent lights at 50 cents each per month, and in buildings using over 12 lights 35 cents each per month. Two thousand power arc lamps are furnished at \$5 per month. This has been in operation for five years, and, he says, is proving a great success. Their city is one of the best lighted in that section, and the enterprise is paying a neat profit, even at the low rates charged, as the last statement shows a surplus of above \$2000, after paying interest on the investment, wear and tear and all running expenses. He says the people of any city have a right to get their light at the lowest possible figure, and that plenty of light, public and private, is a necessity. Neighboring towns in Ohio that have not yet put in lighting systems, or have lights furnished by private corporations, are sending committees to investigate the Wapakoneta plan, and all become satisfied that public ownership is the right thing.
Mr. Hartman is not a member of the council, nor has he been connected with the state government in any way since this enterprise has been started. He is a director in the People's Na-

tional Bank, of that city, and is proud of the fact that he hails from an enterprising, up-to-date place.

PERSONALS

Robt. Morris, of Turner, was in the city today.
W. S. Taylor, of Gervais, was in the city today.
Kola Neis, of Albany, was in the city yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Geer, were in Portland today.
Miss Cora Rotan returned to Portland last evening.
Wm. Waldo left yesterday for a business visit at Marshfield.
Miss Lucia Cochran is visiting friends in Albany this week.
Miss Flo Brodie went to Lebanon yesterday, where she will visit relatives.
Miss Flora Mortenson returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Portland.
Miss Anna Radcliffe went to Albany yesterday, where she will visit for a few weeks.
Mrs. L. H. Ralph, of Jefferson, who has been visiting in Salem, returned home last evening.
Walter Lyon, editor of the West Side Enterprise, of Independence, was in the city yesterday.
Mrs. Thomas Kay went to Gladstone Park last evening where she will attend the Chautauqua.
Miss Grace Carter, of Portland, is visiting Miss Ruth Gabrielson, of this city for a few weeks.
Mrs. E. Wagstaff, of Albany, arrived in the city yesterday, and will visit friends in this city.
H. A. Johnson is working in Southern Oregon in the interest of the McMinnville Fire Insurance Co.
Miss Mattie Miller returned to her home at Turner yesterday, after a visit with friends in this city.
Mrs. Geo. C. Ritchie returned to her home at Roseburg yesterday, after a visit with friends in this city.
Miss Canfield, of Tillamook city, who has been visiting in this city, went to Albany this morning.
Mrs. J. J. Hall and little son, of Turner, returned home this morning, after a short visit in this city.
Miss Ollie Kline of Eugene arrived in the city last evening and will visit friends in this city for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Emmet left yesterday for the Chautauqua assembly, where they will spend a few days.
Mrs. W. W. Cooper, of Chemawa, went to Gladstone Park yesterday, where she will attend Chautauqua.
Professor J. H. Ackerman left yesterday for Gladstone Park, where he will attend the Chautauqua assembly.
Frank Sues, one of the Albany base ball boys, passed through this city last evening enroute to Portland.
Mrs. George Weller and Miss Elma Weller went to Portland yesterday, where they will visit with Mrs. M. E. Patton.
W. E. Coman and Thomas Richardson, of the S. P. Co. development and immigration bureau, returned to Portland this morning.
Mrs. Allen Nye and children, and mother, Mrs. Nye, returned last evening from a two weeks visit with relatives near Jefferson.
Mrs. B. E. Boyer, who has been visiting her brother, H. E. Drake, of this city for the past month, left yesterday for her home in Minnesota.
Mrs. U. G. Boyer and daughter, Ruth, left yesterday for their home in Minnesota, after an extended visit with Mrs. Boyer's mother, Mrs. Bean, of this city.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Freeman, who have been visiting Mrs. Freeman's parents the past week, went to Newport this morning, where they will spend the summer.
Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Gordon and two daughters Evelyn and Helen, left last evening for Victoria, B. C., where they will spend three weeks visiting Mrs. Gordon's parents and other relatives.
Mrs. Fred Gettins returned to her home in Roseburg this morning, after an extended visit in this city. She was accompanied by little Miss Hazel Downing, who will spend several weeks with her.
Dr. John Griffith and family, and his mother, are nicely settled for the summer in the Albert's cottage at Newport. He has made several good catches of kelp and sea bass at the Lighthouse rocks.
E. P. Kyle and wife have returned from attending a holiness campmeeting at Woodville, Jackson county. They stopped off at other places, and have been gone about a month. Evangelist Smealhammer, of Atlanta, Ga. was the great attraction.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gatch and daughter, Miss Ryth, left this morning for Newport, where they will spend the summer. They were accompanied by their cousin, Miss Claire Chadwick, of Colfax, Wash., who is spending the summer here.

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SALOON KEEPERS APPEAR

The Salem saloon men who were arrested, appeared before Justice Turner this morning, and asked to have their time extended in which to plead until next Tuesday, July 19th. The applications were granted and at that time the pleas will be entered, and a date for trial set. The continuance was asked for in order to give the attorneys representing the defendants time to finish their work in the circuit court, which is in session this week.

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