

PUSHING WESTERN OREGON

Development League to Secure More Railroad Lines

Gathering Statistics on Trolley Systems and Working for a Deep Sea Harbor

Its motto is: "Unite all interests for the development of Western Oregon by the present generation."

Its purpose is declared to be: "Development by both steam and trolley railways and opening a deep sea harbor on the west coast of Oregon."

An organization has been perfected in the nine counties of the Willamette valley, and a committee is at work to find a new route for a railroad to the sea where products can go out into the commerce of the world without paying tribute by passing the neck of the bottle, which is now at Portland. A large amount of literature will be circulated to accomplish these objects, and a number of conventions will be held to develop public sentiment. Following are the

By-Laws of the Willamette Valley Development League.

ARTICLE I.

The officers of this league shall be: First—A president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a board of directors, consisting of five members, who shall be elected annually by the Willamette Valley Development League, and who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Second—Transportation committees of five members appointed by the president by and with the consent of the board of directors, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Third—A county committee of three members appointed by the president of this league in each county of the Willamette valley, said officers to hold for one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the league; he shall call the board of directors together when he deems it necessary; he shall, subject to the advice and control of the directors, have the general management of the affairs of this league. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall perform his duties.

Section 2. The secretary shall keep a correct record of the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors and of the league, and shall do the general correspondence of the league.

Section 3. The treasurer shall collect all moneys due the league, and shall safely keep the same and disburse the same under the directions of the president and secretary, and by written order of the president.

Section 4. The board of directors shall meet at the call of the president, or at their own instance, and shall have the general superintendence of the affairs of the Development League. They shall cause to be kept a complete record of their meetings by the secretary of the Willamette Valley Development League.

Section 5. The transportation com-

mittees shall have general supervision of all matters relating to transportation, freight, and general traffic business in the Willamette valley, and shall report from time to time regarding these conditions. They shall make a thorough study of the system of railroad advancement, river and harbor conditions in this valley, and report the same to the meetings of the Willamette Valley Development League and to the president and directors of this association. They shall from time to time make such recommendations in these matters as they may deem advisable.

Section 6. The county committees shall meet in their respective counties and organize county development leagues; which said leagues shall be composed of all public organizations organized or that can be organized in the different towns of the respective counties. They shall hold meetings at such times and places as may be hereafter designated by the president of the Willamette Valley Development League, or by their own election. They shall report the results of these county meetings to the officers of the Willamette Valley Development League, by mailing a full report to the secretary. The county committee shall collect a fee of \$5.00 from each league that becomes a member of that organization; one-half of which sum shall be sent to the treasury of the Willamette Valley Development League, and one-half shall be used to defray the expenses of the county leagues.

ARTICLE III.

The present officers are hereby declared to be the legal officers of the Willamette Valley Development League and shall hold their office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified as hereinbefore set forth.

ARTICLE IV.

The membership of this league shall consist of delegates appointed by the development leagues, city councils, boards of trade, improvement leagues and other public organizations located in the state of Oregon west of the Cascade mountains.

ARTICLE V.

Editors of Willamette valley newspapers, and the county officers appointed under these by-laws are hereby declared delegates to all meetings of this league.

ARTICLE VI.

The Willamette Valley Development League shall meet at such times and places at it may designate, either by vote of said league, by the call of the president and secretary, or at the request of the board of directors. It shall meet at least once in each year.

ARTICLE VII.

These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Willamette Valley Development League by a majority vote of said league then assembled.

Official Directory.

President, E. Hofer, Salem; secretary, Walter Lyon, Independence; treasurer, Walter L. Toose, Woodburn. Board of directors and standing committee on tonnage and statistics—Chas. Grissen, McMinnville; W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove; W. P. Elmore, Brownsville; L. B. Stinson, Salem; L. J. Simpson, North Bend.

Committee to draft rate law—T. K. Campbell, Cottage Grove; John Wortman, McMinnville; S. A. Lowell, Pendleton; J. G. Graham, Salem; W. B. Sherman, Grants Pass.

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Committee on deep sea harbor—L. M. Gilbert, Marion county; G. A. Hurley, Polk; I. H. Bingham, Lane; W. P. Elmore, Linn; Pun Avery, Benton; B. F. Jones, Lincoln; Frank Jagger,

Clackamas; W. H. Hollis, Washington; Chas. Grissen, Yamhill. Committees on County Organizations. Benton County—E. E. Wilson, W. S. McFadden, Corvallis; A. L. Wilhelm, Monroe.

Clackamas County—Grant Dimick, John Loder, C. G. Huntley, Oregon City.

Lane County—R. S. Bryson, Eugene; C. J. Howard, Cottage Grove; Geo. F. Skiphworth, Junction.

Lincoln County—C. B. Crosno, C. E. Hawkins, Toledo; Oscar Olsson, Newport.

Linn County—F. M. French, Albany; S. M. Garland, Lebanon; A. B. Cavender, Brownsville.

Marion County—F. W. Waters, St. Leon; Chas. Ogle, Woodburn; W. P. Schuler, Jefferson.

Polk County—W. W. Percival, Independence; J. C. Hayter, Dallas; Frank Lucas, Monmouth.

Yamhill County—O. K. Edwards, Newberg; H. S. Maloney, McMinnville; E. F. Schneider, North Yamhill.

Washington County—W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove; F. M. Heide, Hillsboro; R. W. McNatt, Cornelius.

MARRIED FOURTEEN YEARS.

Georgia Couple Have 6110 Quarrels and No Babies.

In the vicinity of Augusta lives a farmer by the name of John Madgett, who has appealed to the courts of Georgia to release him from the galling bonds of matrimony on the ground of incompatibility of temper. During the 14 years of their conjugal relations Mr. Madgett makes affidavit that he and his wife have quarreled 6110 times. Mr. Madgett is thus statistically precise because from the very day the preacher tied the knot he kept a domestic diary, with the possible view to future divorce contingencies. Having thus acted as the historian of the little domestic infelicities that are wont to sometimes ripple even the placid surface of true love, Mr. Madgett is enabled to furnish his lawyer with a tabulated classification of these divers and sundry conjugal spats. It seems, from Mr. Madgett's record, that the period of his double blessedness was fruitful of 436 quarrels a year, to strike a yearly average of the imposing aggregate, which gives an average of a quarrel a day and some to spare.

It appears from the concrete record that the most prolific source of strife in the Madgett household has been late meals—1589 scraps are duly entered on this common score of domestic unpleasantness. Next on the sad list is "Because she asked for money, 224." Because he was chided for tracking mud into the kitchen caused 821 "scenes." Because he snored raised 422 nocturnal disturbances, and her snoring added 136 to the list; 145 times they said hard things at each other because she ripped seams with his razor, and 163 times he demonstrated his displeasure because she did not make dumplings with the chicken stew. Her cold feet o' nights caused him to raise the roof 123 times and 54 times they exchanged heated words and sticks of stove wood because she sold the eggs and butter and bought calico dress patterns with the proceeds. Forty-three times there was trouble because she laughed gleefully when he stubbed his toe on the rocking chair in the dark, and 41 times because he neglected to cut his nails (fingers or toe not stated.) Because he broke plates brought on 136 disputes. Because his boot hurt him caused 17; because he wouldn't quarrel, 13, and because the clock ran down, 11. Six times they quarreled because he wouldn't go to church, and four times each because she threw his pipe into the stove and because she wore red ribbons on her hat. They had three quarrels because the pump froze, three because the house smelled of onions, and three because she made coffee without an egg in it. Twice they quarreled because it rained, and twice because she saw the moon over her left shoulder.

There were also single or singular quarrels—quarrels over a specific subject, and which, not admitting of classification, show up only in the scattering columns. Some of the subjects over which they quarreled once are these: Because the black hen's leg was broken; because the cow choked on a raw turnip; because the canary bird died; because Bryan was not elected president; because he was not a Baptist; because the house smelled of cabbage; because the horse ran away; because Germany wouldn't give up Alsace Lorraine; because a dog howled; because God made Eve out of one of Adam's ribs; because alligators lay eggs; because Solomon had 1000 wives and no end of concubines; because the Mormons are not Indians; because pineapples do not grow in Canada; because he fell in the creek; because he shot the pig; because she sat down on his hat, and because they had no children.

We have capitalized the last named cause because, as a philosophical student of the great question of race suicide, we perceive instantly that although this reason appears in the singular column, it is really the subtle, psychic source of all these unfortunate quarrels. A couple of such highly nervous temperaments should have had at least a dozen children, and some of them twins, to insure a safe and sane conjugal equilibrium. True, it might have been hard on the children.—Atlanta Constitution.

ABOUT MALTESE GOATS.

Animals Flourish Where Cows Would Starve to Death. (From United States Consul Grout, Valetta, Malta.)

For years the Maltese goat has been regarded in all part of the world by those interested in raising goats as a very superior animal. There must be something in the climate of these islands that makes this possible, for pasturage is very scant, and the herds which are driven out twice a day seem in some way to find nutriment in places where an ordinary cow would grow poor and pine away. If there is one thing receiving good care at the hands of the Maltese it is the goat, and there are stringent laws in force requiring cleanliness and attention to its welfare. The population of these islands is about 203,000, and almost wholly dependent upon goats' milk. A few cows are kept here, but their milk is not regarded with favor, owing to lack of pasturage. In addition to the limited herbage, the sustenance of the goats is added to by feeding them with carob beans and mixed cotton seed and bran, the extra feed costing about 7 cents per day per goat. It would cost much more to feed cows to produce even fairly good milk, which would render the milk too expensive for general use. For this reason such cows, milk as we have is of very inferior quality, and very limited in supply.

It has been estimated that there are about 12,000 goats on the island.

There are two varieties of the goat, the short and long haired. In color they are brown or white, about equally divided. As a rule they are dehorned early. The milk produced is of very superior quality, perhaps not as rich as that of an ordinary cow, and practically without cream, but, nevertheless, very acceptable for table and cooking purposes. The average height of the goat is 2 feet 6 inches, and its weight often reaches nearly 100 pounds. No special attempt seems to be made by the herder in the matter of preserving or refining strains, but, nevertheless, the Maltese goat seems to keep up its reputation for appearance and milk production. As a rule the Maltese goat does not breed before it is 15 months old, and generally breeds once each year. It is not milked within three months of breeding time, and will produce milk until it is 11 or 12 years old.

Very few things are essential to care for the goats. They are kept in herds of from six to 30 animals, and one attendant often has the full charge of and milks the latter number. It is an ordinary sight here to see the herds driven through the principal streets and milked at the doors of residences where milk may be required. This occurs not only once, but two or three times each day, and for this reason householders do not purchase their day's supply at one time, but in small quantities, as it is required. Goats' milk is sold at from 8 to 10 cents a quart. The small quantity of cows' milk sold is bought by a few English residents, and costs about 8 cents a quart. Goats' milk is not used here for cheese or butter making. There is a variety of fresh butter and a peculiar kind of cheese produced in the islands, but it is made of sheep's milk. Sheep, however, are very limited in number, and need hardly be taken into consideration. The meat of kids, after inspection by the health authorities, brings about 10 cents a pound. The law requires that they be at least 1 month old before slaughter, at which time they are to weigh not less than 12 pounds. Goat skins are sold with their hair on, and skins bring from 18 cents each upward. The average yield of the Maltese goat is from 2 to 2½ quarts of milk daily. Its keeping quality is about the same as that of cows' milk, and it is not uncommon for it to keep for 24 hours.

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