

FARMERS SHIPPERS CONGRESS

Coos Bay Development Convention Heartily Supported by State Press

(Daily Oregonian.)

The Farmers' and Shippers' congress at Coos County Farmers' institute, which will be held at North Bend, Or., May 23-24, is one of the most important meetings yet scheduled by the Willamette Valley Development league. It will be of special interest to the people of Portland and of the Willamette valley, for the reason that it will be held in a very rich section of Oregon which up to this time has not received the exploitation to which it was entitled. The Coos Bay country will soon be given an all-round connection with Portland, and will be as easy of access as any of the Willamette valley cities and towns. This will, of course, enable us to cultivate a closer social and business relation with our southern neighbors than is now possible. At the same time Portland and the other Willamette valley cities and towns owe something to our enterprising friends in the southern part of the state.

Even when hampered by poor transportation facilities, they have stood loyally by Portland, so far as it was possible for them to do. Year after year they have joined with us in all our enterprises of a public nature, even though their isolated portion of the state received less benefit from them than any other part of the state. Their splendid exhibits at the Lewis and Clark Fair was a wonderful tribute to their enterprise, and it is now up to Portland to show, at least in a mild degree, our appreciation of their enterprise by sending a good delegation to the forthcoming convention. The San Francisco disaster has caused a diversion to this city of a considerable amount of trade from the Coos Bay country, and this start, which will be increased as soon as the railroad is completed, makes it highly important that we should show due appreciation of the efforts of the developers of southern Oregon.

(Marshfield Mail.)

The Mail is in receipt of one of the unique invitations issued by the North Bend chamber of commerce, to attend the Farmers' and Shippers' congress, which is to meet at North Bend on May 23rd and 24th. It is one of the most odd and neat things imaginable and especially appropriate for the purpose. It is printed on a piece of three-ply veneer, made at the North Bend Veneer & Furniture factory, about four by six inches in size. One side is finished plain, showing the beautiful grain of the myrtle. On the other side is printed in red the outline of one of Coos

Bay's greatest products, the crab, and inside of this is the wording of the invitation, which runs as follows: "You are cordially invited to attend the Farmers' and Shippers' congress at North Bend, Oregon, May 23rd and 24th, 1906, under the auspices of the Willamette Valley Development league, North Bend Chamber of Commerce, Peter Loggie, Pres., F. H. Brigham, sec. Coos Bay."

These invitations are being sent to very prominent people on the outside and are sure to attract attention and be preserved as a souvenir.

(Eugene State Journal.)

The Willamette Valley Development league, the Farmers' and Shippers' congress and Coos County Farmers' institute, are preparing to send delegates to a meeting to be held at North Bend, Coos Bay, May 23 and 24. Col E. Hofer, of the Salem Capital Journal, is taking an active and leading part in the matter.

(Lincoln County Reporter.)

Coos Bay is making arrangements for better steamer service. They have had regular traffic with San Francisco but as that city is crippled they are now arranging for a steamboat line connecting with Portland.

Our neighbors are on the right track—they are making use of the great advantages that nature has laid at their door. When will the people of this bay wake up and make concerted effort to get the benefit of our splendid waterway?

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, postmaster at Riverton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for 11 years." Sure cure for biliousness, neuralgia, weakness and all stomach, liver, kidney and bladder troubles. A wonderful tonic. At J. C. Perry's drug store. 50 cents.

A Southern Oregon Booster.

"Klamath county and contiguous territory is the scene of great industrial activity," said Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, who has just come to Portland from that thrifty interior city and is registered at the Imperial. "Work up on the government irrigation project is in full swing. There are jobs for all comers and plenty of money in circulation. In fact, southern Oregon is now upon the verge of the great period of development and prosperity in its history, and the prospects are that these conditions will continue indefinitely."

Dr. Steiner says the greatest difficulty the government and the irrigation canal contractors have to contend with is the solution of the labor problem. There is a great shortage of labor and, as the enterprise progresses, labor bids fair to become more in demand than ever.

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"This project, which is the largest the government has ever undertaken," continued Dr. Steiner, "will cost an average of about \$20 per acre to complete and put under irrigation, and you can figure upon how much money that means will be put into circulation in that section of the country, to say nothing of the vast amount of good rendered the state at large in the furnishing of homes and means of a livelihood to thousands of families."

Dr. Steiner and Dr. R. Cartwright, of Salem, are conducting a preliminary or emergency hospital at Klamath Falls for the benefit of the workmen on the irrigation project. The Sisters of Charity of Pendleton contemplate the erection of a permanent hospital in that city next July.

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Chamois for New Zealand.

Vienna, May 14.—A chamois drive was held on the Schneeberg, in the Austrian Alps, not, however, with the idea of shooting, but of netting the quarry. The result was eight animals, out of which only two were considered young enough to be kept, the rest being let loose again. The emperor has the intention of presenting at least 24 of these beautiful animals to the government of New Zealand, in return for several specimens of the Australian fauna, such as the kiwis, ground parrots, etc., which

have been promised for the zoological gardens at Schoenbrunn.

The exchange is a result of the visit of the Austrian gunboat Panther last year to New Zealand. It is hoped to ship the chamois in the course of a month or so, in order to avoid the great heat of a summer voyage. Some curiosity is expressed as to how the creatures will bear the change from 47 degrees northern latitude to 42 south, especially the crossing of the equator. Once in their new island home, it is not anticipated that they will find any difficulty in acclimating themselves, any

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