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FAR-REACHING PROGRAM OF THE OREGON-IDAHO DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS.

This organization has secured the co-operation of the legislative departments of the two states named, in a program of railroad development.

They secured submission to a vote of the people of an amendment to the constitution providing for state and district-built railroads.

In securing the adoption of that amendment to the constitution the following named Portland gentlemen appeared before the Oregon legislature and made arguments showing the urgent necessity for the railroad amendment:

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| William MacMaster. | M. G. Munly. |
| W. B. Ayer. | C. F. Adams. |
| Herman Wittenberg. | Ed Ehrman. |
| A. H. Devers. | J. A. Keating. |
| C. E. S. Wood. | F. S. Stanley. |
| J. N. Teal. | A. M. Drake. |
| Henry Hahn. | C. S. Jackson. |

They represent some of the largest financial, manufacturing, commercial and professional firms of that city.

This Development Congress next went before the Idaho legislature and secured the enactment of the Idaho district-built railroad law.

That law was drafted by the ablest lawyers in the state of Idaho and is modeled after the irrigation district statute which has been upheld by the supreme court.

The Idaho district railroad law provides that a district may be created by petition, just like an irrigation or drainage district, for the construction of a railroad.

After the district is formed the proposed railroad is submitted to a vote of the people owning property in the district.

If a majority of the property-owners so decide, all the lands in the district, in proportion to the benefits derived, are assessed for the construction of the railroad through the district.

Three directors or trustees are chosen by the property-owners of the district to survey, locate and construct the proposed railroad.

If the people of the district prefer, the district can issue bonds to build the proposed railroad, the entire financing and construction being placed in the hands of the directors elected from the body of the district.

If the railroad is built it can be leased to a railroad system of which it forms a branch, upon terms satisfactory to the district.

Under this plan of a district-built railroad a territory ten miles wide and fifty miles long needing a railroad to market its products can build that railroad out of its own resources and upon its own credit if it sees fit.

No property-owner's land can be included in this district without his consent, after a hearing in court.

Under the Idaho law a district having 200,000 acres of land worth \$10 an acre without a railroad can build a railroad through it at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The productive lands of that district would advance to \$30 an acre, which is a low price.

The owners of the lands would have doubled the value of their property, and own the railroad besides.

Owning the railroad and leasing it at a good rental price, they would probably never have to pay any interest on the bonds, but would derive a revenue besides.

Two immense advantages will accrue to the land-owners under the Idaho district railroad law: First, the entire expense of building the railroad through their lands will be added to the value of their own property, as well as all future increase in the value of the railroad.

Second, that they will always be in a position to control freight and passenger rates over the road in their own territory.

In place of the land advancing from \$10 to \$30 an acre as the result of building a railroad under this law in Idaho, it is more than likely that the land will advance to from \$50 to \$100 per acre along such a railroad.

The bonds on such a district railroad will be better than any other railroad bonds because they have not only the railroad and its earning power for security, but behind those bonds is the entire population and wealth of the district.

The Oregon amendment to the constitution proposed by this Development League would authorize the people to enact a similar law in Oregon if it works well in Idaho.

Not only the legislative power of the two commonwealths is present behind the development program, but the executive power has been enlisted.

The governors of the two states were requested by this

Congress to name highway commissions of prominent citizens, who are to take up the details and work out the problems of state and district-built railroads.

Governor Chamberlain before going to take his seat in the U. S. Senate named the following highway commission to collect statistics and report data to the next legislature through the executive department:

- A. H. Devers, Portland.
- Drake C. O'Reilly, Portland.
- Wm. Grimes, Marshfield.
- C. F. Siwegrt, Portland.
- Geo. W. Putnam, Medford.
- Julian C. Byrd, Burns.
- G. W. Baldwin, Klamath Falls.

Governor Brady of Idaho, acting upon the resolution adopted at the Boise Congress, has named the following similar commission to report to him through the legislature of that state:

- Geo. C. Shellenberger, Boise.
- Will H. Gibson, Boise.
- Karl Paine, Boise.
- Frank R. Gooding, Gooding.
- J. R. Numbers, Weiser.
- B. M. Holt, Caldwell.
- Parker V. Lucas, Council.

These two commissions of prominent and public men, knowing the needs of the two commonwealths for better transportation facilities will not only collect data and report statistics but are authorized to recommend further legislation and designate such portions of the two states as in their opinion require railroad construction.

The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress has a big task before it, of arousing the people to every possible means of self-help, of showing them the way to go to work to secure the needed legislation required to accomplish results.

This congress has not only adopted a far-reaching program of development, enlisting the public-spirited men of both states in this work, but proposes to deliberately utilize the entire executive and judicial powers of two great commonwealths to further its ends.

CHURCH SERVICES

Christian Science.
 First Church of Christ, Scientist, 440 Chemeketa street. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Subject of lesson sermon: "Christian Science." Sunday school at 12 m. The Wednesday evening meeting is held at 8 p. m. Reading room in the church open each afternoon except Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend the services and reading room.

First Christian.
 Corner of High and Center streets. Preaching hours 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Receptive themes: "The Tested Christian" and "What is the Gospel?" Bible school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting led by a representative of the Loyal Sons. The C. C. C. C. will furnish special music for the morning and evening services. The public cordially invited. D. Errett, minister.

German Lutheran Christ Church.
 East State street. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Regular divine service at 10:30 a. m. C. Hopf, pastor.

Evangelical Association.
 Corner of Se venteenth and Chemeketa street. H. C. Baker, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Young People's Alliance at 7 p. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting hursday evening at 8 o'clock.

W. C. T. U.
 Rev. J. Oliver will address the gospel temperance meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all.

Lutheran St. John's.
 Missouri Synod. Regular Sunday service at 10:15 a. m. in the German Lutheran St. John's church, corner Center and Fourteenth streets. Geo. H. Engel, pastor.

United Evangelical.
 Cottage street, near Center. Rev. G. L. Lovell, pastor. Divine worship and preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.

First Presbyterian.
 Church street, near Chemeketa. Rev. Henry T. Babcock, pastor. Morning service 11 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor; theme, "A False View of Possessions." Quartet, "Abide With Me." Solo by Mrs. Walters. Evening and Morning. Evening service 8 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor; theme, "The Christian's Contest." Quartet, "The Day is Past and Over." Duet by Mrs. Walters and Miss Prior, "Jesus, Redeemer." The orchestra will play the prelude and offertory as usual. Joint meeting of Junior and Senior C. E. societies at 7 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Public cordially invited to all of these services.

First Methodist Episcopal.
 Public worship 10:30. Subject of sermon, "The Supreme Work of a Child." 12 m. Children's day exercises. Graduation of the primary and beginners' departments. Especially interesting: 6:45 p. m., Epworth League. Topic of sermon "Four kinds of Soil." A cordial welcome to all.

First Congregational.
 At the First Congregational church it will be "Rose Day" tomorrow. There will be special decorations, appropriate music and the pastor will preach on "The Message of the Flower" at the morning worship. Service at 11 o'clock.

A great street meeting will be held tonight at the corner of Commercial and State streets. An especially in-

teresting program has been arranged, Sunday at the First Baptist church. Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. McInturff, subject "The Overcomer." At 2:45 baptism, and at 3 p. m. great interdenominational love feast. At 6:30 young people's meeting; 7:15 street meeting, and at 8 p. m. preaching by Dr. McInturff; subject, "Life and Conversion of Jerry McCauley."

BASEBALL MAGNATE DIED ON THE TRAIN

[United Press Leased Wire.]
 Xenia, O., June 19.—George L. Dovey, president and heaviest stockholder of the Boston National League baseball club, died on a train near Cedarville early today. His death followed a severe hemorrhage of the lungs.

SPECIAL TODAY

At the Garden Spot of Salem

New Potatoes, Green Peas, Turnips, Cabbage, Lettuce, Radishes, Asparagus, String Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Pie Plant, Oregon Berries.

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