



ROAD MEETING AT OAKLAND

Oakland Residents Very Enthusiastic Over Good Roads.

ROSEBURG SPEAKERS ARE PRESENT

Resolutions Adopted to Be Sent to County Court and Oregon Delegation in Congress For Good Roads.

In a very enthusiastic road meeting held at Oakland last night, resolutions were adopted petitioning the county court to appropriate dollar for dollar with the government in the construction of a road to Crater lake and also one urging the Oregon delegation in congress to work for the passage of the Taylor bill, appropriating one million dollars a year for ten years for the improvement of roads in the states and counties having national forests.

The meeting was in charge of Dr. E. J. Waincott, president of the Oakland Commercial club and Jas. Bovington was chosen to act as secretary. Before introducing the first speaker, Dr. Waincott called attention to the great necessity of good roads in any community. Not only were they a benefit to the community through which they were constructed, but proved a benefit to the county, state and nation.

Dr. Houck was the first speaker and a very interesting address was made from the standpoint of auto-owner as well as a taxpayer. Dr. Houck called attention to the fact that road building in Douglas county was a much vaster proposition than most people imagined. This county is a great deal larger than many of the states of the union and highways must be constructed through it which will connect every part with a market. The county court has a great deal to attend to and are to be commended for the way in which they have handled the matter. Efficiency is one thing that is lacking mileage should be reduced as much as possible, as the cost of driving an auto is ten cents per mile and the amount saved in a reduction of mileage leaves the tourist just a little more money to spend in other means or visiting other points of interest in the county. A rough road is an expense to not only the auto owner but the wagon owner as well because of the fact that the wear and tear on either the machine or wagon is very great and will in a short time destroy the vehicles.

Another necessary point in road construction is drainage, a point which is overlooked in the construction of many of the roads of Douglas county. Water is allowed to stand in the ruts and in a short time the road bed is cut through and ruined. The supervisors each have different ideas of road building and one undoes the work of the man preceding him, so that a great amount of money goes to waste in this manner.

In the absence of Dr. Seely, J. E. McClintock represented the Roseburg Commercial club. His subject was co-operation and he brought out the fact that it was necessary in any matter to co-operate if anything was to be accomplished. He explained the workings and organization of the bureau system of handling matters as is being used by the Commercial club and asked for the co-operation of Oakland in the building of good roads through the county.

Prof. R. G. Hall gave a short address on the beauties of Douglas county as compared with many of the famous beauty spots of America. Douglas county is destined to become the playground of America and it is essential that good roads be built so that the most beautiful spots are accessible.

C. L. Seelman, although not having been a resident of this county for any great length of time stated that he saw the great necessity of good roads. He spoke of the

development of roads through the east end of the way in which they had enhanced the value of the property which they were tributary to.

Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartum gave a very interesting talk on the Taylor bill and what it would mean to Douglas county. This county has the greatest stand of forests in the national reserves of any place in the world and the money which would come to the county from the passage of the Taylor bill would be a great benefit to the taxpayers of the county. He also dwelt at some length on the cut-off now being constructed to Crater lake. The road, when constructed, will be one of the best in the state. A maximum grade of five per cent through one of the most beautiful spots in the west will be a great attraction to tourists when completed. The government is offering to appropriate dollar for dollar with the county and it will not take any great sum of money to complete. The road when finished will open up some of the best agricultural land in the county which will also be a great benefit. The tourist trade to Crater lake is increasing over a thousand each year and by 1920 it is estimated that over 20,000 people will make this trip. Douglas county should be in a position to share with Jackson county the great benefit to be derived from the tourist trade.

A map had been prepared and was carefully explained by Engineer L. G. Hicks, showing the detail of construction of the Crater lake cut-off and showing how one hundred and twenty miles could be saved by making a level road through to Crater lake instead of having to travel as at the present time over five mountain ranges to Medford and then back for a great many miles to reach a point almost due east of Roseburg.

The beauty of Crater lake cannot be taken as has Niagara Falls and other of the famous eastern beauty spots, because of the fact that it is in a government national park and cannot be used for factory or commercial purposes.

C. W. Clark gave a very short, but determined speech, saying that the Commercial club was out for good roads and was going to stay with the proposition until results were obtained.

Al. Creason talked for a few minutes on the condition of roads in Douglas county. He also brought out the fact that better roads meant development. The Columbia highway is operating in direct opposition to Southern Oregon, although the scenery they offer can in no way compare with that which is allowed to go to waste by Douglas county. The fact that the road through by way of Crater lake to eastern Oregon would be a great boon to the residents of this county, was left untouched by the other speakers, but dwelt on at some length by Mr. Creason.

Fen Waite, of Sutherlin, was also one of the speakers of the evening and stated that he believed Douglas county was just awakening to the great possibilities of her scenery and wealth and that the boom for good roads would be the means of a great future for Douglas county.

E. H. Pinkston, of Oakland, one of the county commissioners, said that the county court was in favor of the project of a cut-off to Crater lake and that they would like the expression of the people in regard to it.

J. T. Bridges, of Oakland, also gave a very interesting address favoring good roads and showing the great improvement which had been made during the past years.

PORTUGAL ASKED TO RETURN SHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The papers of Berlin are urging a prompt demand upon Portugal for the release of the interned ships seized, although von Jagow lacks confirmation of their seizure. Madrid dispatches said the Portuguese authorities frankly admit that they expect Germany to declare war on Portugal.

GERMAN DRIVE CAUSES WORRY

Claim to Have Captured Outer Fortress of Verdun.

RUSSIANS TAKE IMPORTANT TURKISH CITY

German Diplomats Look to U. S. Congress to Tie Hands of Wilson When Teuton Decree is Discussed.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Germans have captured the strong fortress of Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun, Berlin headquarters announced, but Paris did not confirm this claim. If Douaumont is captured, it means the first breach has been made in the Verdun forts, and indicates that the Teuton offensive seriously threatens the French stronghold. It is believed that the entire French force which has been defending Verdun from the north and northeast, has been backed into the fortress under the most terrible stroke delivered by the Germans since the offensive started. Cote Lupolvre, the key to the northern defenses of the city, has been regarded as impregnable, but the reports indicate that the French front collapsed from the Pepper Heights. Paris admitted that the Germans assailed the armored trenches and redoubts there. The communique said the French had taken new positions in the Meuse hills, but the exact location was not stated.

Berlin Counts on Congress.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Germany counts upon congress to force Wilson to retreat from his position on the German-American situation, the United Press is reliably informed. The officials refused to make any comments, but the general feeling here is that if the armed merchantmen decree be referred to congress, it will pass a resolution warning Americans from traveling on armed ships. The dispatches suggesting the possibility of Wilson demanding the recall of von Bernstorff caused the greatest surprise, and the United Press office is besieged with telephone calls from officials inquiring into the truth of the reports.

Russians Make Capture.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—The Russians have captured Kermansah, in Persia, delayed dispatches declared, and the victors expect to make an early junction with the British at Kutelmara, 150 miles away. The Kermansah victory is second in importance only with that of Erzerum.

A later Berlin statement reported the capture of positions southwest of Louvumont. It admitted also

that the report yesterday of the capture of Champneuville was incorrect. The statement indicated that although the French right was retreating, the left was resting, along the Mouse Heights, and had been contained. Despite the German onslaughts, the British attacked east of Maas in the Armentieres last night, but Berlin claimed they were repulsed.

WAR RUMORS FORCE DOWN WHEAT PRICES

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Wheat dropped five and one-half cents here this morning, closing at \$1.13 1/2, a new low mark for the crop. A determined raid by the bears, lower cables, and the nervousness over the international situation were responsible.

WEALTHY MERCHANT ON BAIL FOR MANSLAUGHTER

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—Adolph Uhl, a wealthy merchant, was arraigned on the charge of manslaughter this morning, and released on \$10,000 bail. He is charged with running down and killing Bessie Smith, a court house stenographer, while driving his automobile Thursday night.

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The British steamers Denaby and Tummel were sunk today with a probable loss of nine lives.

ONE NATION ASKS SHIPS TO DISARM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—One of the allied nations has proposed that, for the sake of humanity, armaments be removed from merchantmen. What the message stated, and whence it came, the administration refused to announce. However, the proposal cannot affect the American difficulty with Germany over the decree for war on armed merchantmen. Washington is less excited than for several days, this is largely due to the restrictions upon congress by the administration, by having the discussion of the international situation kept off the floor. Lansing and Flood conferred over the possibility of a compromise in the warning measure, but declined to comment on the situation. The officials are surprised that only one of the allies replied came, as they expected a joint answer. It is believed that France was the nation answering. It was expected that she would say the proposals would not interest her because she has no armed ships.

1916 CARNIVAL TO BE THE BEST

Executive Committee Decide Many Important Details.

THE FIRST DAY WILL BE A HUMMER

Cap Has Been Selected, and On Sale in a Few Weeks—City to Be Decorated Entire Week To Honor L. O. O. F.

Another enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee of the eighth annual Strawberry Carnival was held at the Commercial club rooms all members of the committee being present.

Several communications were received from various carnival companies who are anxious to be here during the carnival week, and pending the engagement of one they are being carefully investigated. It is the intention of the committee to provide the best carnival ever held in Roseburg, as there will be several thousand visitors from all parts of the state here on that week, and it is desired to make the best impression possible. The strawberry feature of the carnival will be emphasized strongly and an effort will be made to have all merchants feature them prominently in their windows the entire week.

The Moose and Juvenile bands have been engaged for three days of the carnival, and arrangements have been made to have excellent parades every morning and afternoon of the three days. The first day will be made as attractive as possible so as to induce grand lodge visitors to prolong their stay for the balance of the week, and reduced rates will be secured on the railroad covering the entire week.

Carnival dances will be given each evening and the carnival attractions and the street decorations will be ready by Monday of carnival week. A most attractive carnival cap has been selected and will be placed on sale within a couple of weeks. It is distinctive in design and different from any which have been used before. Souvenir badges or buttons will be secured, and pennants commemorating the occasion. Roses and strawberries will be distributed at the trains during the carnival and a reception committee will meet all trains and welcome visitors to the city.

An effort will be made to have large delegations attend from various cities in the state and a special invitation will be extended to the Rosarians, Radiators, Pheasants

COURT BEGINS PLAMAN CASE

The attorneys in the case of Douglas vs. Howe concluded their arguments shortly after two o'clock this afternoon and the case went to the jury about three o'clock. The choosing of the jury in the case of the State vs. Plaman was immediately begun and will probably be finished by this evening and the taking of testimony will begin Monday morning.

and other unformed "booster" organizations.

The baby parade will be one of the features of Saturday's program, and a eugenic contest will be held which is expected to bring out nearly 200 babies.

The streets will be beautifully decorated and stores and buildings will present a gala appearance according to those who have been interviewed on the subject. Tentative selections have been made for the various committee heads and will be announced in a few days. The executive committee in person will have charge of the raising of the subscription list, and they will also handle the contest for the election of a Carnival Queen, or rather queens for there will be two, as usual, one of which will be selected from the school children. Prizes will be offered for various features in the parades, and also for the strawberry exhibit. From the present outlook, it seems as though Roseburg will outdo herself on this occasion and make it one to be remembered for many years.

S. S. CONVENTION HERE IN APRIL

Roseburg will be the host to the Sunday school workers of the state on April 24, 25 and 26, as these dates have been selected for the first of the three big state conventions to be held in the state this year. This is the first state convention of this nature to be held in southern Oregon. The three conventions are practically a continuous one, as with the ending of the three days in Roseburg, three more begin at The Dalles, immediately after which are three days at Elgin, on May 1-3. This is arranged so that every part of the state can have the opportunity to attend one of them.

The Sunday School Association of Douglas county has already begun making preparations for the entertainment of the delegates who will be here, of whom it is expected that 150 will attend. Besides the delegates proper, there will be a large number of other workers and friends accompany them. Speakers of state and national reputation in Sunday school work will be here for the instruction and entertainment each day. The Commercial club will also assist in the reception and entertainment. It is understood that the delegates will be entertained on the "Harvard Plan," that is, given their bed and breakfast. J. E. McClintock is the president, and Frances Alley the secretary of the Douglas County Sunday School Association, and either of them will be glad to give further particulars regarding this meeting.

ITALIAN WOULD COMMIT ARSON AND MURDER

PORTLAND, Feb. 26.—Accused of attempting to burn the house where five children were asleep, Victor Colacola, an Italian laborer, was arrested this morning. It is alleged that he wanted to destroy the family of Joseph Battaglia for some fancied wrong.

Sheriff Quins this morning received notice to keep watch for three Mexicans who are suspected of having robbed three stores in Eugene last night. The boxes on the shelves and the entire stock of goods were disarranged in the search for money although nothing was taken in any of the stores. As the men were seen here several days ago it is thought that they have gone north.

U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT TRAINING BOYS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE



Washington boys learning the art of war.

The school boys of Washington have taken up the study of national defense and keen "war games" are being waged weekly between opposing teams of the high schools. This is a picture of one of these "war games" being fought under the observation of Lieut. E. Z. Steever, U. S. A., attached to the general staff, who has been detailed to this work by the war department. Lieut. Steever has four classes a week in military maneuvers with the boys and they march, countermarch and hurl their armies at each other just as the veterans do in the war councils. The boys are from fourteen to eighteen years of age.