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BUSINESS MEN ARE INTERESTED IN ROAD

Met Last Evening To Consider Roseburg-Myrtil Point Highway—Will Take Action.

GOING TO PORTLAND

Asking For Initial Appropriation to Start Road Work From This City—Must Get Action at Once or Get Left.

At a meeting of representative business men of Roseburg held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last evening a keen interest was displayed in the Roseburg-Myrtil Point highway proposition and plans were made to send a delegation to appear before the State Highway Commission in Portland on September 9th. At that time the local business men will make a request to the commission for an initial appropriation...

The express purpose of sending the delegation before the State Highway Commission is to secure an initial appropriation and to place the road work on the state highway program. If an appropriation is secured from the \$6,000,000 state bonding issue it will mean that the road work will be started in the very near future, but if unnecessary delays interfere and the appropriation is not obtained it is very probable that some other section of the state will step in first and get the road money. A delay may mean disaster in this case and for that reason the business men are very anxious to start the wheels moving and accomplish real results. Too little attention has been given the Roseburg-Myrtil Point road in the past and unless Roseburg "strikes while the iron is hot" we may lose out entirely.

Another important detail is to secure the road to start from Roseburg. Other sections are busily engaged in attending to their own affairs and if constructive work can be started towards Myrtil Point from this city no trouble will be experienced in getting the highway completed.

DISREGARD FOR FUNDS OF GOVERNMENT SHOWN

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—Guy Gabrielson, chief investigator for the congressional investigation committee, testified today that the American International Corporation, of which John D. Ryan is director, owns all of the stock of G. Amisnek & Company, of which Gen. Disque is now president at a salary of \$30,000 a year. The American International also owns half of the Siemens-Carey Company stock, which concerns the Pullman-Portland-Washington railroad. It was decided to call Disque to the stand again this afternoon, and he assumed all of the responsibility for construction of the four million dollar railroad into the spruce section of the Washington forest. Disque declared that he first tried to prevail upon the Chicago St. Paul and Milwaukee Railway Company to build the line. Failing in this he arranged for the government to construct the road, with the understanding that the Milwaukee people take it over after ten years at a price agreed upon for ten per cent less than the cost. John D. Ryan, head of the aircraft board, did not participate in the negotiations. Disque alleged. Governor West will be called to testify regarding the activities of Geo. Long, representing the Weyerhaeuser interests, in connection with the spruce corporation.

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JUVENILE OFFICER GETS INSTRUCTIONS TODAY

Agnes Pitchford, county juvenile officer, this morning received notice from the Federal Child Labor Commission of Portland to ascertain if any girls under the age of 18 years were employed in this city in establishments requiring them to work after 6 o'clock in the evening. It is a violation of the state law to employ girls under that age to work after the designated hour and the juvenile officer is today visiting the various establishments in the city and looking into the matter.

MAKES FORCED LANDING

Lieutenant Webb, of the U. S. forest patrol, whose plane was wrecked last week at Salem when he made a forced landing, was again forced to make an unpremeditated drop yesterday when he ran out of oil near Albany. Stoppage of his engine forced the aviator to the ground, but this time he was able to pick out a large open field and alighted without damage. Besides the pilot the plane carried a passenger.

WAR MOTHERS TO HAVE CONVENTION

Will Meet in Baltimore Oct. 7, 8 and 9—Have a Fine Organization.

TO SELECT NEW NAME

Several Speakers of National Prominence Will Appear on the Programs—Six Organizations Are Represented.

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 4.—Amalgamation of all organizations of women relatives of the men and women who served in the United States army and navy during the world war will be proposed at the second annual convention of the War Mothers of America, which will be held here October 7, 8 and 9. The call for the convention of the War Mothers, just sent out, invites all organizations of a similar nature to attend the convention and join in the formation of a new body for which a new name may be selected. Representatives of five other organizations besides the War Mothers, including the Daughters of Liberty, Women of American Patriots, Women's Patriotic League of America, American Mothers of National Defenders and Sammie's Mothers have been asked to participate in the movement for consolidation. The Baltimore chapter of the War Mothers of America is making preparations for entertaining the convention. Several speakers of national prominence will be included in the program and there will be several social features. Mrs. A. W. Roach, acting national president, of Richmond, Ind., reports that large delegations will represent all the chapters of the War Mothers and she has been in communication with officials of the other organizations urging them to attend the meeting here. Twenty-seven states were represented by delegates sent to the first annual convention held at Evansville, Ind., last September. Among the social features already planned by the Baltimore chapter is a visit to Annapolis and the governor's home, automobile rides to Evesgreen, the Red Cross school for soldiers blinded during the war, a trip through Druid Hill Park and a visit to Johns Hopkins University.

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CANNERY PAYROLL \$2,000 EACH WEEK

Fully Twenty Carloads of Fruit Will Be Shipped From The Local Plant.

OVER 140 EMPLOYED

Farmers Are Receiving a Good Price For Their Products and a Great Abundance of Fruit Is Being Handled Each Day.

If anybody in Roseburg has an idea incubating in their cranium that the cannery operating in this city is not a very live industry all that is necessary for them to do is to simply wander down to the local plant and casually survey matters from a personal standpoint. Over 140 women and children are busily engaged in handling the fruit that arrives daily and everything is working in clock-like order under the management of Mr. A. J. Geddes. The farmers are receiving a good price for their product and this industry, farthier by local capital, is one of the best assets the community has at its command. It is a veritable boon to the fruit producer and is going to prove a mighty good investment to those who have been instrumental and have taken a leading part in establishing the industry. At the present time, stored in the warehouse and ready for shipment, there are over five carloads of canned fruits and vegetables and before the season ends a conservative estimate places the output at twenty carloads. This is fully twice the number of cars shipped last year which gives an idea of the vast amount of produce being handled at the present time and that to come on at a later period. The prevailing prices for canned goods insure a handsome profit, and while the local plant may not cut a big "molon" the first season the income will be sufficient to put the establishment on a very substantial basis for next year's business and returns will be more liberal.

AUGUST UNUSUALLY HOT AND DRY

Less Rain Than Usual During The Past Three Months Is Reported.

CROPS STAND DROUTH

Fields and Orchards Throughout Country Yielding Abundantly, Despite Lack of Rain—Very Little Wind.

Within the past forty years there have been but few instances of so long a drouth as has prevailed this season, and in that time only ten other years when the month of August was dryer than the month just past. With the rains of May over with the dry season of 1919 had its real beginning, and in the past three months the country has enjoyed less than three-quarters of an inch of precipitation. To be exact, just .72 of an inch of rain fell in the more than ninety days since May. The normal rainfall for the past three months over a period of 42 years is 4.72 inches, so that the country has suffered for lack of an inch of moisture that it failed to get this season. The normal precipitation for June is 1.07 inches; for July, .32 of an inch, and for August, .35. The month of July closed with only .08 of an inch, and August finished with .02. The wettest August on record was in 1899 when 2.23 inches of rainfall occurred. August, 1882, 1892, 1894, 1910 and 1911 no rain whatever fell.

SAYS BOYS DO NOT DESERVE REPUTATION

Although The News does not make a practice of publishing unsigned letters, the following note recently received may help to right an alleged wrong. Editor of Evening News—My dear sir: I take it that your newspaper is one in which justice is a first concern. It is for this reason that I compose this epistle. There is a certain group of boys in Roseburg that are known as "The Southenders," boys of a bad reputation that they don't deserve. I know these boys personally and have tried to find the cause of the serious injustice that is handed them. I believe I have discovered it. You may not believe it, but it is the childish prattle of the town's feminine gossip. As you are a man I am sure you can understand the basic scope of woman's tongue. I do not mean to say these boys are cherubs shrouded with halos. I'll admit they don't attend Sunday school. They are not as bad as people think, however. Very truly yours, THE YOUTH'S CHAMPION AND FRIEND. BACK FROM AUTO TRIP. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bunnell, who recently returned from a month's auto trip during which time they visited Yosemite Park, spent some time in Old Mexico, as well as visiting all the important cities in California, state they had a most enjoyable journey. They made the trip in Mr. Bunnell's Ford car and without any mishap of any consequence.

CROP CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE

Light Showers Over The Entire State Not Sufficient To Retard Farming.

THRESHING CONTINUES

Hop Picking Is in Progress in Some Sections—Third Crop Alfalfa Is Being Cut in Umatilla County.

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—Light showers and cooler weather over most of Oregon partly cleared the air of smoke during the latter part of last week and checked the spread of forest fires, but were too light to extinguish them, according to the weekly crop report of the weather bureau here. The showers were insufficient to materially retard farming operations, revive vegetation or facilitate plowing. The scarcity of water for irrigation and stock conditions. Work has been somewhat retarded by lack of help.

ASTORIA PLANS FOR A BIG CELEBRATION

Secretary Heinlein today received the following wire from the Astoria Chamber of Commerce: "Astoria extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of Roseburg and the Umpqua Valley to participate in the great welcome celebration here September 6 to 12, honoring Secretary Daniels, officers and men of the new Pacific fleet. Big warships and a big time. FRANK H. SANBORN, "President."

RUNAWAY BOYS FOUND

Agnes Pitchford, juvenile officer, this morning picked up two runaway youths, Harry Burnick and Jess Slosser, 16 and 17 years of age, who say that their home is in Portland. Telegrams were sent to that city to their parents and the boys will probably be sent back tonight. One of the lads was rather wet and not clothed well, and had been allowed to continue on his way, with the poor food and shelter it is thought he would have soon taken ill.

CROPPING CONTINUES

Some Third Crop Alfalfa Has Been Cut in Umatilla County, Where Well Watered, is Doing Well.

THRESHING CONTINUES

Umatilla county, Alfalfa, where well watered, is doing well. Pastures and meadows continue very dry and reports of this stock are coming from many localities. Some stock is being brought in earlier than usual owing to lack of feed and water on the range.

THRESHING CONTINUES

Hop picking is in progress in Clackamas county and will begin in Polk county this week. Potatoes are mostly mature, some have ripened prematurely owing to the drought. Tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and melons continue plentiful in sections where the drought is not so severe.

SUTHERLIN FAIR IS A TOP NOTCHER

Flowers, Fancy Work and Fruit Are Displayed in A Very Attractive Manner.

FINE DINNER IS SERVED

Fair Is Held at Yoncalla Today, Curtin Tomorrow and Elkton on Saturday—Smith River Event Monday

The community fair held yesterday at Sutherlin was a tremendous success, according to those who attended from this city. The exhibits were displayed in a large hall in the center of the city and consisted of canned and fresh fruit, grains, vegetables, fancy needle work, flowers, poultry, gardening, etc. The display of canned and fresh fruit was exceptionally good and the prize winners in that section had strong competition. Especially beautiful was the exhibit of dahlias by Mr. Adams of Fair Oaks. The flowers were arranged in a very artistic manner and the colors blended harmoniously. Fine Fancy Work. The fancy work display was not as extensive as in former years, but was exceptionally good. The women of that section had evidently placed a great deal of time upon the several articles exhibited. The children's industrial club work display consisted of ten exhibits. Poultry, gardening, sewing and canning was included.

EXCELLENT DINNER SERVED

During the noon hour the "inner man" was amply satisfied by the huge dinner served in the dining room of the Odd Fellows hall. The variety of food served was delightful and for the time being everything else was forgotten. The program was rendered in the hall and the principal address was made by N. C. Maris, of the education department, who was one of the judges at the fair. Mr. Maris explained fully the value and purpose of the community fairs and the wonderful benefit derived from them by the several districts in Douglas county. He expressed himself as being especially well pleased with the Sutherlin valley displays and commended the residents of that section for the interest shown in the event.

OTHERS MAKE TALKS

Impromptu talks were made by several residents of Oakland and Sutherlin and the surrounding valleys. A delightful musical program was interspersed with the speaking and the songs, both humorous and ballad, were very entertaining.

YONCALLA FAIR TODAY

Yoncalla was the scene of a community fair today which was participated in by that entire district. On Friday the fair will be held at Curtin and on Saturday at Elkton; Monday the big community fair at Smith River will take place and according to the schedule planned it will be a "hounding" inquest in the community fairs is not waning in the least, and they are gaining added momentum as they progress.

BANDIT CARTER BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

City Marshal Shambrook returned at night from Medford where he testified in the hearing of Willis E. Carter, the auto bandit, captured at week and later taken to Medford to have his hearing in a larceny case there. Officer Shambrook stated this morning that the trial was a humorous one as Carter handled his own case in court and displayed extraordinary intelligence concerning the interpretation of the law. Carter claimed to have no connection with the robbery of the Medford Service Station but said that his companions in the stolen Cadillac—who escaped—were undoubtedly responsible for the deed. He also said he had known the "dirty work was on foot" he would have left the outfit and gone on his way. After the hearing Carter was bound over to the grand jury on \$1000 bail and was taken to the Jackson county jail for confinement. He chatted pleasantly with the officers concerning his jail break attempt Monday night and said that when he looked over the skylight and peered into the barrels of two over-sized shot guns he was perfectly willing to slide back into the cell for he was afraid the night watchman would puncture him like a seal.

Rev. D. G. Bettes, the cowboy preacher, will preach at the Colfax Valley church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. All are invited to attend these services. A basket dinner will be served at noon.