

# Why

the  
**Douglas County Conference**  
at the Baptist Church

Roseburg, Oregon, Sunday, April 11, '20

All Day—A Great Day: 10:30, 2:00, 7:30

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### Railroad Offers Its Cooperation

John H. O'Neill, traveling agent for the O. W. R. & N. Co., spent Tuesday in this city, checking up with the Chamber of Commerce the work being done by that organization, in order that a system of cooperation between the local chamber and the company's publicity department can be arranged. Mr. O'Neill offered the complete cooperation of his company and whenever an inquirer seeks information regarding Douglas county, the railroad company will send one of its representatives to that person to assist them in making their plans and to give them such information as they may desire. The work of the local chamber was praised by Mr. O'Neill, who stated that in his travels he heard a great deal of commendation for the way the Roseburg publicity campaign is being handled. The fact that the secre-

tary answers each communication with a personal letter instead of a circular form is a big factor in getting results. Mr. O'Neill states, and the practice of telling the truth without exaggeration of any kind is also making an enviable reputation for the Roseburg commercial body.

### Jersey Club Gets Fine Heifers

County Club Leader A. E. Street and Agriculturalist C. J. Hurd returned this morning from points in the Willamette valley, where they have been purchasing thoroughbred heifers for the Smith River Jersey Cattle club, the largest club of its kind in the state and very probably in the United States. Mr. Street has been working for a long time on this club, and at last has had the honor of putting it over. Seven boys agreed to each take a thoroughbred heifer and care for it under the instructions of the county club leader. The first bank of Reedport volunteered to finance the scheme and has given the boys three-year loans of money sufficient to make their purchases. The boys each instructed the club leader and Mr. Hurd to buy the cattle and after a very careful search of the herds of the Willamette valley, five excellent animals have been selected, and it is hoped to secure the other two within a short time.

Mr. Hurd and Mr. Street in making this selection visited practically every thoroughbred Jersey herd in the Willamette valley. They visited Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion and Linn counties and met with all owners having pedigreed stock of the kind desired. After a careful examination only five animals answering all qualifications could be found and these were bought.

One of the animals purchased is a two-year-old and on the 20th of the month will complete her test. It is certain that she will show a percentage of 500 pounds of butterfat which will guarantee 300 pounds by the time she reaches the four-year old mark. The heifers will be shipped to Reedport within two weeks and will be turned over to the boys.

#### HELMETS FOR PAVEMENT

CROYDON, Eng., March 24.—Ten thousand German army helmets have been crushed into the mud at a Salvage depot here to make a pathway for captured German guns and other heavy traffic. It would have cost more to sell them as souvenirs than would be derived from the sale.

## HISTORY OF LIFE STORY OF SWINDLER

Repetition of Roseburg Case and Countless Others of Similar Character,

### SALEMITES ARE CHEATED

Carlos Byron Visits State Capital Last Fall While Out on Bond and Makes His First Big Cleanup—Residents Hold Sack.

Those who cheerfully contributed to the \$50,000 jack-pot raised in Salem by Carlos L. Byron last fall, and cherish any delusions about the money they earned, will change their minds if they read the history of the case in which Byron was convicted, as it appears in 259 Federal Reports. Byron is now serving sentence at the McNells island federal prison as a result of his conviction, says the Salem Statesman.

The story of this case is a repetition of the Salem cases, the Seattle cases, the Tacoma cases, the Roseburg cases and countless other cases dating most any old time in the past 10 years. Byron's record proves him a heartless and cold-blooded professional swindler who has used and renounced the same old game of contracting to deliver patent to timber merchants, who land and office man's he whispered about—for a very good reason, as is now apparent. Byron was accepted at his own valuation evidently, for without looking up his record, notorious throughout the northwest, without an inquiry into his character, which was as shady as his timber deals, without ascertaining the status of the timber land in question or Byron's ability to deliver title, citizens of Salem, business and professional men, merchants, educators and clerks eagerly gave up their money to a convicted swindler already under sentence to the federal penitentiary for perpetrating the same old fraud.

It was in September that Byron made his first Salem clean-up, while out on bond pending appeal. In December, his appeal had been lost, and he had been twice indicted for new swindling operations at Seattle but got a stay of judgment to prepare for his new trial, which he utilized to finish up his Salem enterprise, stinging some of his victims a second time and extending contracts generally. This caused him to be taken into custody to protect Salemites from further losses.

Official Court Record. The record of Byron's operations for which he is now serving time, is given in the 259 Federal Reporter containing the record of the case in the federal circuit court. It is practically the same scheme and the same land used later in defrauding Seattleites and later upon Salemites. Extracts from this official record read as follows:

"The defendants, for the purpose of defrauding victims would fraudulently represent that they could procure for them patents and titles to certain lands called 'selected lands' and 'patented lands' if the victims would pay to the defendants certain moneys as location fees and expenses. Defendants had been successfully engaged in procuring for applicants, title to such 'patented' and 'selected' lands having great value of timber thereon by means of a procedure substantially as follows:

"It would be represented that the lands designated as 'selected' had previously been selected by Hyde & Co., and other transferees under the Forest Lion selection act; that the manner by which the title to the base lands offered to the selector had been acquired, was unlawful and adverse proceedings were pending in the land department seeking to cancel the selection as the ground of fraud; that the result of such proceedings would be the cancellation of all selections; that there were large tracts of other lands, designated as 'patented' which were lands to which patents from the United States had previously been fraudulently obtained; that the lands had been restored to the public domain by reason of a decision of the supreme court in certain equity suits.

Victims Are Mulcted. "It was misrepresented that the 'selected' and 'patented' lands, were open to patent and sale under the timber and stone act; that those who filed through Byron would receive patent and title within two years from application; that persons who made such application and services to be rendered by defendants, obtain preference rights to purchase from said government at \$2.50 per acre; that personal examination by the applicant of lands applied for was not necessary, and that upon payment of \$2.50 per acre the government would issue patent within two years from date of application.

The victims were mulcted from \$100 to \$1000 each for pretended services in locating them and would then defraud the victims out of all of their money so received and give them nothing in return therefore, though refund of money in case of failure was promised.

#### Never Believed Title.

"The indictment negatives the several alleged false representations and pretenses by setting up that the defendants never had succeeded in securing title for anyone for either said 'selected' or 'patented' lands, by means of their procedure or otherwise; that it was impossible to initiate or secure preference or title to lands; that neither the 'selected' nor 'patented' lands were open to sale, selection or entry under any of the public land laws of the United States and applications for the same would be rejected; that the lands could not be purchased under the timber and stone act for \$2.50 an acre, and if open to entry, could only be procured by payment of the appraised value thereof; that the patent could not be secured for any lands under the timber and stone act unless the applicant personally examined the land applied for within 10 days prior to filing the application; that every application filed would be rejected by the land office; that upon various tracts upon which the 'victims' might file there had already been similar applications to purchase said lands, filed by others whose titles were prior; that the defendants never intended to repay the 'moneys' paid by the victims, and that they agreed for the return of the moneys were made to induce the victims to believe that their money would be returned and prevent them from discovering that they had been cheated and defrauded."

#### MARTIAL LAW THREATENED.

LONDON, March 24.—The Russian Soviet government has threatened to put the workmen of the northern railways under martial law to put an end to what it calls the "crime" of the workers wasting time in holiday making, according to a wireless message from Moscow. The government asserts that 1,000 working days were thus lost in one month and that "the railway men are arranging to have two days of idleness each week at a time when millions of people are hungering and when it is impossible to transport bread, owing to lack of railway engines." It notifies the idlers that they will either have to make up for the time "of which the republic has been robbed" or receive full penalty under martial law.

The message issued by the government is headed "Shame Comrades," and declares that Russia cannot await salvation from foreigners but must fight her own internal blockade in order to end the "ruin" and condition of things, confer hunger and save the Soviet Republic."

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