

# ROAD DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE CHANGES MADE

## New District Is Created to Take Territory South of Roseburg.

### THREE ARE UNITED

#### Consolidation at Smith River to Help in Building Way Out to Port.

Only a few changes in road district boundaries have been authorized by the county court which has had several proposed alterations under consideration. A new district has been created to take care of Umpqua Park, Miller's Addition and the aviation field, and a consolidation in the Smith River country has formed a big district for the purpose of building an important road there. Minor changes have also been authorized in the Kellogg and Tyeo districts and the Dixonville and South Deer Creek boundaries. The request for a consolidation of Cleveland and Coles Valley districts was denied.

By taking portions of Districts 37, Melrose; 18, Happy Valley; and 38, Roberts Creek, the county court has created a new district, No. 81, which takes in Miller's Addition, Umpqua Park and the aviation field roads. The new district has a valuation of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 which will raise approximately \$250 yearly for maintenance and will permit the district to raise a maximum of \$1,500 by means of special tax if desired. The Miller's Addition residents have been anxious to secure a new district in order to have a loop road improved in that section. The road will follow Booth and Mixton streets and Starmer street, which forms a connection between the two east and west streets, one lying on each side of Parrott Creek. The Umpqua park residents are anxious to have money spent on their road, along

the base of Mt. Nebo, while money is also needed to maintain the road leading to the aviation field section.

#### Form Big District

One of the most important changes was effected in the lower Smith River country. There is now a road from Sulphur Springs to the falls on Smith River and a road for a few miles up the North Fork. These roads do not connect up and only lead to the river, where the residents must take boats to reach Reedsport or Gardiner. For many years the Smith River people have been endeavoring to secure a road, but because of the great cost nothing has ever been done. There is a road from Gardiner to Florence running considerably west of the North Fork, and there is a road up Fiddle Creek in Lane county, connecting up with the Gardiner-Florence road, but not quite reaching North Fork. The county now proposes to connect up the Sulphur Springs road with the North Fork road and have the promise of the Shulaw national forest that if this is done the forest service will connect the Fiddle Creek road with the other end of the North Fork road and thus give a way out to Florence or Gardiner for the Smith River residents. This road, however, is not intended to be the main Smith River road, but is merely designed for an outlet for a few years while a road is built down the river from Sulphur Springs to Gardiner. This will be heavy and expensive construction, but the growing importance of the Smith River district is believed to justify the expenditure.

#### County Surveyor Eppstein is now surveying the proposed North Fork connecting road and it is hoped to build that section during the coming summer. The district has voted a special tax of 10 mills and has available between \$12,000 and \$15,000 from the O. and C. tax refund, so that it is believed that an outlet can be provided by way of North Fork during the present year. It is then proposed to start construction on a good, substantial road from Sulphur Springs to Gardiner, in order to provide funds to take care of this improvement program the county court has decided to consolidate all of the interested districts, Numbers 4 and 73 and a part of 6, giving a district with a valuation of more than a million dollars.

#### Deny Consolidation

The petition asking for the consolidation of Coles Valley and Cleveland districts was denied. There was a considerable difference of opinion regarding this proposed change, each faction being well represented. After giving the proposition thorough consideration the court decided not to make any change in boundaries at this time.

#### The boundary line between districts 9 and 53, Kellogg and Tyeo, was shifted. The line was moved about one mile north giving district 53 about 1 1/2 sections of land formerly within the Kellogg district. A portion of 53 was given to No. 9 extending along the Kellogg road.

#### Between districts 39 and 32, Dixonville and South Deer Creek, a change was made so that the South Deer Creek district gets all of the Deer Creek road to Dixonville. Formerly the Dixonville district took in a portion of the Deer Creek road.

#### May Revise System

There is a good deal of talk at the present time concerning a complete revision of the county's road system. Now there are nearly 70 separate road districts, each having a small amount of road with valuations running all the way from \$50,000 to more than one million dollars. Some districts, badly in need of road improvement, have not the wealth to build their roads, while others with well improved roads have plenty of money. It is planned to organize the county into about ten large road districts. A permanent road crew would then be maintained in each district, so that continuous road work could be kept up. This would give sufficient valuation in each district to properly improve and keep each main road in good condition and at the same time leave maintenance funds for the smaller and less used roads. This plan is, of course, opposed by many farmers who have been in the habit of voting a special road tax on the heavy timber holders and then getting employment on the roads so that they could earn back what they had paid plus a portion of the money paid by the timber owners. Such a system, the court believes, while providing a source of income to many persons throughout the county, is not conducive to efficient road building and there is a strong sentiment favoring the larger district plan.

## Wonderful Light For Rural Homes

### BEATS ELECTRIC OR GAS

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—An eminent professor in a leading scientific institute has completed a very interesting test on a most remarkable white light for home use. The test shows that this wonder light is superior to electric, is cheaper than common oil light and is the closest to sunlight of any artificial light.

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## Envoy of Arias



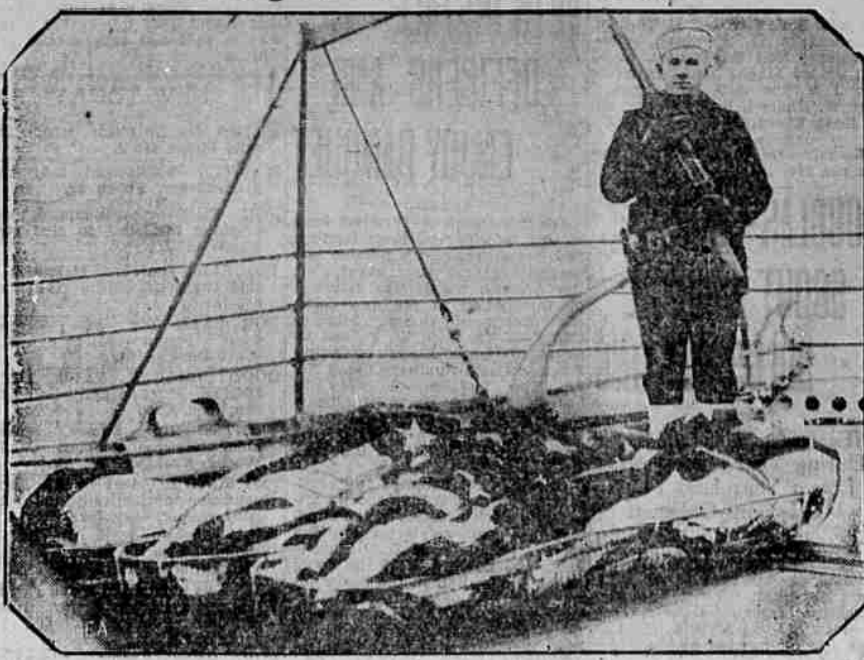
Ottavio Scottio is this jovial gentleman. He's impresario of the Royal Opera House in Rome and was photoed at New York en route to open three opera houses in South America.

## Too Smart



Alzamon Ira Lucas 2nd is nine years old, but scientists say his brain equals that of a 21-year-old man. The boy's father says he will fight the order of the Cleveland school authorities that the boy must go to school. Alzamon is shown here with his mother.

## Standing Guard Over the S-4 Dead



The first three bodies to be taken from the sunken hull of the submarine S-4 are shown above as they rest, flag-draped, on the deck of the U. S. S. Bushnet, at Provincetown, Mass. A sailor stands guard over his lost comrades.

## Dolling Up to Get Hickman Reward



Chief of Police Tom Gurdane and State Traffic Sergeant "Buck" Lievallen of Pendleton, Ore., captors of William Edward Hickman, kidnaper-slayer of Marjan Parker, are shown here in their "full dress" as they prepared to receive the \$65,000 reward offered for Hickman in Los Angeles. Left to right are Gurdane; C. G. Matlock, who is looking after their legal rights, and Lievallen. The hats they are wearing were gifts of the people of Pendleton, Ore., and cost \$35 each.

## Death Mystery



Claims that Miss Louise Montebano shot and killed herself upon being arrested on charges of speeding and violating the prohibition law, are being investigated by authorities of Selma, Ala. Chief of Police H. F. Blake and Traffic Officer W. D. Farmer made the arrest. The girl had thrown a bottle from her car while they were pursuing her, they said and upon being brought back to the spot where the bottle was broken had drawn a revolver and shot herself. Her parents, however, say that medical authorities have proved her wounds were not self-inflicted, and have demanded a sweeping investigation.

## Here's Hoping Uncle Hits the Apple



## GULF TOWN IS PREPARING FOR BOURBON MEET

### Houston, Texas, Starts to "Clean House" for the June Convention.

### MAYOR IS ELATED

#### Tosses Hat in Air and Says City Will Be at Disposal of Democrats—Gov. Moody Happy.

(Associated Press Leased Wire) HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 13.—The 300,000 odd residents of this southeast Texas city today emerged from the bustle of a thriving gulf trade to inventory facilities for staging the democratic national convention here in June.

While city officials and civic leaders admitted that until yesterday they only dared hope that the national committee might award the convention to them, they were ready today to back up the promise of Dan Moody, youthful governor, and others that the affair would be staged in a manner befitting the precedents of the south.

Many echoed the sentiment of Mayor Oscar Holcombe, who, when informed yesterday his city had been selected, threw his hat to the ceiling of his office and shouted: "Everything in this city is at the convention's disposal."

Houston residents generally declined to display concern over the demands for space for the convention sessions or in regard to housing requirements. Although the city auditorium, offered as convention headquarters, has a capacity of only about 5,000 persons, officials said a larger building would be provided if necessary. They believed that with the sessions scheduled to open June 26 ample time remained for such a project.

Houston's hotels will accommodate 15,000 persons, chamber of commerce officials announced. The proximity of Galveston, but 55 miles east of here, will provide for many more, as railroads and interurbans operate on close schedules between the two cities.

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## KILLED IN ACCIDENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire) OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Edna Estes, 42, was killed when a car she was driving bumped over the edge of the pavement near Canby. The car skidded and pitched over into a culvert. Walter W. Jennings, who was riding with her, suffered severe bruises and cuts.

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## HIGHWAY SNOW CLEARED

(Associated Press Leased Wire) LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 13.—H. G. Smith division highway engineer, reports this morning that the state highway toward Portland in this division is in fair condition. Snow is reported at Meacham, between La Grande and Pendleton, but chains are not believed necessary west of Meacham, until the Columbia River gorge is reached. Mr. Smith issued a warning against possible local slides, which may be caused by thawing weather.

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## PRODUCTION OF LUMBER IN FIR DISTRICTS LOWER

(Associated Press Leased Wire) PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—The 1927 cut of soft woods in the fir districts of Oregon and Washington totaled nearly 1 1/2 billion feet of lumber, which, according to the annual surveys of the 4L organization, is 6 per cent less than the 1926 cut of 12 billion feet in the same districts. Says the current issue of the Lumber News:

"In the pine territory east of the Cascades the 1927 cut of nearly 3 billion feet is 19 per cent less than the 1926 cut.

"The total cut of all soft woods in both the fir and pine districts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho was one billion feet under the 1926 cut, or 7 per cent less than the 1925 total of slightly more than 1 1/2 billion feet.

"Seventy-six per cent of the lumber produced during 1927 in the fir districts was cut by 155 major operations, while 24 per cent was cut by more than 1000 smaller mills of capacities ranging from 5000 to 100,000 feet per shift. The reduction of more than 250 million feet cut by Group 1 fir sawmills (the major group) as compared with the 1926 cut of this group, is accounted for by the fact that a number of Group 1 mills, active during 1926, were inactive throughout 1927, while still others were closed for six months or more. These included the Stout Lumber Co. on Coos Bay, the Mickle and Peninsula plants in Portland, the West mill on Grays Harbor, the Dempsey plant in Tacoma, and others.

"A comparison of extra shifts operated during 1927 in all districts, both fir and pine, with those cutting in 1926, shows little change. A review of 1927 curtailment shows that there was a noticeable reduction of output in several districts, both east and west of the Cascades, but in the fir territory the reduction was largely offset by increased production in two or three districts.

"The actual number of major operations in both fir and pine territory has not changed materially since a year ago. Plants that were suspended, dismantled or destroyed by fire during the past year have been replaced by others to practically equal total capacity.

"The small sawmill operations of both fir and pine territory show a decrease in number. The trend appears to be toward fewer and larger operations, with the heaviest mortality during the past two years in the Group 4 class, those sawmills cutting 25 thousand feet