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ARMY PATROL FOR FORESTS

According to a press dispatch, Fred H. Cowles, of Los Angeles, Calif., chairman of the Green Cross association's fire prevention committee, is endeavoring to have congress form a department of the U. S. regular army devoted to the guarding of national forests during the fire hazard periods. The idea is not a new one, but it has never had sufficient support to receive favorable consideration from the nation's lawmakers. Success should attend the movement. Why incur year after year the heavy expense of employing civilians to patrol forests and fight fires while thousands of able-bodied soldiers draw pay at the same time for loafing at their barracks? All sorts of puerile arguments against the plan have been advanced. Chief among these is that the government has no right to compel forest fire fighting on part of a man who has enlisted solely for military purposes. Very well, let the recruit be advised in advance that fire fighting, when necessary, will be one of his duties. Then if he doesn't like the prospect, he need not enlist. We venture the opinion that very, very few, if any, recruits would be lost to the army by reason of such a requirement. In fact there is every reason to believe that soldiers almost without exception would welcome an annual change from the monotony of barracks life to the greater freedom of the wilds where they could combine patrol work with a great deal of clean, healthy recreation. Will any reasonable person dispute the fact that a constantly prepared and mobile body of soldiers, already within the forest, is far better able to cope with a conflagration than a miscellany of hastily rounded-up civilians rushed helter-skelter to the scene from a distance the loss is twofold. First is the expense of the system itself, sheer waste of money while the soldiers are idle. Second is the quantity of burned timber that could be saved by action from a mobile force nearby. Destruction of timber by fire means destruction of the possibility of sawmills that produce pay rolls, and increased taxes on other classes of property. Give the taxpayers their due. Displace the expensive and unsatisfactory system of the present with an army patrol that requires no financial outlay additional to its regular pay and keep, and at the same time save more timber for the nation that must support the army.

HELPING OURSELVES

It is a little early to begin listing important events scheduled for Roseburg during 1929 but it affords a welcome diversion during the prevailing dull season. At the present time the calendar for the coming year includes the annual state convention of the Spanish-American war veterans and the establishment of a terminal for a state airplane line. Whether a sawmill will be added to the list for the year—if not before the expiration of the present one—apparently depends on Roseburg's willingness to meet an offer of \$10,000 worth of machinery and \$5,000 capital with a cash subscription of \$10,000. The city voted a bond issue of thirty times the latter sum about fourteen years ago to subsidize a logging road into the North Umpqua timber belt. Although an adverse decision of the state supreme court annulled the project, the desire for a lumber manufacturing plant here remained as strong as ever; and we believe it is still strong enough at the present day to produce a local investment of the comparatively insignificant sum of \$10,000. The proposition now before the city is of course quite small as compared to the previous one to aid which \$300,000 worth of bonds were voted, but if it reaches fruition it will be a good start toward converting the immense North Umpqua forest into a big permanent pay roll. If we cannot have a manufacturing plant of world-record size, let's have a batch of small ones. The North Umpqua timber belt is by far Roseburg's greatest resource, a resource too long undeveloped. If the present generation of this city expects to derive any financial benefit from that timber through its conversion into lumber, it will have to dig into its own purse. And there is no better time to begin digging than right now while confronted with a proposition that bears the stamp of fairness and sound business.

Are Taking Trip Along Coast—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parkes and family, of Portland, were in Roseburg yesterday on a 10-day coast trip, going as far as Crescent City.

On Trip to Vancouver—R. L. Ketcham and Mrs. L. S. Ketcham and family, Roseville, Calif., residents, were overnight guests at the Roseburg auto park. They are on a two-weeks trip to Vancouver and return R. L. Ketcham is an assistant cashier of the Bank of Italy at Roseville.

COMING EVENTS IN ROSEBURG

Cut out this list of dates of outstanding events for the year and keep it in your pocket for handy reference. Watch for changes and additional announcements as they may be arranged.

- Campfire Girls Camp at Wolf Creek July 16-30
Douglas County Merchants' Institute August 30-31
Southern Oregon Seal Sale Conference September (no date set)
Knights of Pythias Convention, Dist. No. 5 Sept. 22
Regional P. T. A. Convention Oct. 17-18-19
Fall Meeting Presbytery of Southern Oregon Oct. 23-24
National Election November 6
State Horticultural Meeting Dec. 12-13-14

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From the Roseburg Plaindealer APRIL 9, 1903.

Miss Kate Fullerton entertained a number of her friends at an informal gathering at her home Saturday night. All spent a very enjoyable evening.

At the Baptist church last night the Rev. E. S. Ufford, author of the revival song, "Throw Out the Liferline," spoke to a crowded house.

It was stated at the war department Monday that Gen. Wood is not to become governor of the Philippines, as a successor of Gov. Taft, even should the illness of the latter cause his resignation.

Prof. J. H. Orcutt, A. N. Orcutt, H. W. Hubbard, Prof. O. C. Brown and wife, and Miss Smith left on Friday's train for Cottage Grove, to attend the teachers' institute.

The Drain city election last Monday passed off very quietly, only 44 votes being cast, and resulted in the following officers being elected: Mayor, D. N. Flah; councilmen, D. N. Snyder and Dr. P. H. Bowersox; recorder, R. K. Montgomery; treasurer, H. G. Sonne-mann; marshal, Nelson Jones.

The Roseburg baseball club has organized by the election of C. D. Jackson as manager and Charles Lane as captain. Manager Jackson is one of the best known all-around athletes of this section of the state, and Captain Lane has had much experience in amateur baseball. Roseburg will have a strong team this year. Complete suits have been ordered, practice has begun and arrangements are under way for an opening game with Eugene for the first of May. Mr. Dan Fisher, the architect, has completed plans for a grand stand 21x65, to accommodate 500 people. The fence is under construction, and a force is at work on the grounds. It is expected to have everything in readiness for a game at that date.

OLLIVANT-ROSE — Sunday 9 o'clock a. m. at the home of the bride's father, Mr. A. Rose, Miss Cora Rose and Mr. Tom Ollivant, Justice of the Peace Buchanan officiating. (April 12, 1903.)

Come and camp at Boswell Mineral Springs, Bath 75c.

BANDSTAND MOVED DURING THE NIGHT IN RECORD TIME

How many persons know that the Roseburg bandstand was towed in the middle of the night to its present location by a 2-ton truck. At 8 o'clock in the evening of July 15 the structure stood undisturbed on the courthouse grounds. Next morning it was seven blocks away at its new location. Construction work on the new courthouse necessitated its removal. Just on the eve of one of the regular band concerts 10 men under the direction of E. R. Metzger, local contractor, started to move the wood and steel structure. The evening was chosen because the work of moving would not interfere with street traffic. One man was stationed on the roof to watch for wires. Another drove the 2-ton Graham truck which towed the building on the rollers. The remaining men tended



The Vacation

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POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

A PRAYER FOR A WORK-A-DAY MORNING

Give me, O Lord, the eyes to pierce Through passion's crust so hard and fierce! To penetrate life's outer bole And see the beauties of the soul. Help me to shed the shell of hate, Find in forgiveness sweeter fate; Help me control my appetite, Find joy supreme in doing right.

Give freedom, Lord, from selfish greed; Give me the joy of helping need, That I may learn life's noblest art— A wise and tender kindly heart. O keep me in that holy groove Where I shall of myself approve! Give me the feeling tender nerve That finds its happiness to serve.

Give me, O God, the grace of poise— The sweet content that makes no noise! Help me, O Lord, to so aspire I shall escape from base desire! May I be free from custom's snares That traps the careless unawares. O grant me strength to upward climb Till I shall mount to thoughts sublime!

Give me the vision, Lord, to see The peaks that set my spirit free; Give me, I pray, the hearing ear, Thy secret whispers, Lord, to hear. Help me to see beyond the bound Of earthly things so close around, Behold the glories of the sky And, through my prayer, to bring them nigh.

OUR AMERICAN BIRDS

Popular Home Lessons in Natural History

THE BIRD OF THE WEEK

(BY LOUIS ALBERT BANKS)

(Cut out this block each week and you will soon have an interesting bird book of your own.)

THE BELTED KINGFISHER - The Kingfisher has a long history. He was a fabied bird among the ancients, said to build his nest on the surface of the ocean and have the power to calm troubled waves while the mother kingfisher was sitting on her eggs. They called him "Halcyon." From that old fable we get the phrase often seen "in halcyon days."

The belted kingfisher, though he belongs to a family having a great many varieties over two hundred, in other countries, is the only bird of his species in this country, save for the Texas kingfisher found in a very limited territory in the southwest. The belted kingfisher is scattered all over America where there are fish in streams or lakes and by the sea. He lives almost entirely on fish and is a great angler. He has a funny custom of dividing a river up into sections and a single pair will have the sole fishing privilege in that section. He is a very beautiful, attractive bird, from twelve to thirteen inches long. He is a handsome study in blue and white, with a bill longer than his head, very heavy and strong. He has a hoarse rattling voice and is very gay and saucy.

He digs his nest in a high bank, usually above the river, and lines it with fish bones which he disgorges. They have five to eight glossy white eggs. There are few more interesting birds than the kingfisher.

He is a king who always wears his crown night and day. He has a crown that looks like an Indian chief's war bonnet and a brilliant belt of blue across his white breast. Altogether he is a gay gentleman. The mother kingfisher wears a rufous belt and the belts

the rollers. Only 6 hours were required to move the building off its old foundation seven blocks to the new location. One and one-half tons of ballast was loaded on the truck to give it traction in the compound low gear, and the building was moved almost without stopping.

Next morning the men were on hand to place the bandstand. Despite the doubts of bystanders that it could be done, the building was ready for the concert. This is probably a record move for Roseburg. For outdoor meetings the bandstand will likely have more use than ever before.

Chevrolet, 1927 model touring; this car looks like new and is priced for quick sale by Hansen Chevrolet Co.

NEWS BRIEFS

(By the Associated Press) CENTERVILLE, Md. — While John J. Raskob is sawing wood in New York, politically speaking, Mrs. Raskob, mother of 13 children, is experimenting with the raising of flax on a country place which she has developed out of two abandoned farms.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. — It is too late for Captain William Pitt Scott, U. S. N., to take advantage of some of his privileges. Twenty-seven years ago the sultan of Turkey sent him a medal entitling him to have six wives and wear a fez. The captain has just received the medal because not until the last congress authorized it were American officers permitted to receive foreign decorations, and neither polygamy nor fez is legal in Turkey now.

Boswell Springs mineral baths for rheumatism.

THE TINYMITES

STORY BY MAI COCHRAN - PICTURES BY KNOCK

The Tinies once more were alone, and Scouty, in excited tone, said, "Look! The crock man's disappeared. I wonder where he went. He told us we should build a man of wood. I wonder if we can. I wish he'd stayed because he was a friendly looking gent."

"Oh, why wish that? It does no good," said Cobby. "He was sure nothing gained, if nothing tried. We'll make the man, although he likely won't amount to much."

And so the Tinies all turned loose, and put their little tools in use. They sawed up two nice tree stumps for the body and the head. These parts were nailed together quick. "That's fine," yelled Scouty "they'll sure stick. And now we'll make the arms and legs. Come on, let's go ahead."

Some smaller limbs were shortly found. The Tinies smoothed them nice and round, and then they trimmed them till they all were just the proper size. The legs were nailed on good and tight. "Ha, ha," laughed Cobby, "he's a sight. When we have put the arms on, we should give our man some eyes."

"A good idea," Cobby said. "I would surely be a funny head if I forgot to give our man his eyes, and mouth and nose." And so the Tinies worked away upon their man the live long day. "I'm



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE - The wooden man is finished in

MUCH INTEREST

BEING SHOWN IN SAWMILL PROJECT

Considerable interest is being shown in the proposition to locate a 20,000-foot capacity sawmill in Roseburg, according to E. K. McLendon, local real estate operator who is conducting the local negotiations. L. D. Stone, the mill operator who has submitted his proposition to move his plant to this city, left yesterday for Seattle, accompanied by Mrs. Stone, and will get the machinery and equipment in readiness to move to this city as soon as the local arrangements can be completed.

It is proposed to form a local stock company with a capitalization of \$50,000, of which local people will subscribe \$10,000 and Mr. Stone will furnish \$15,000 in machinery and capital. The remaining \$5,000 will be retained as treasury stock to be issued as needed.

Although no effort has yet been made to solicit subscriptions, Mr. McLendon reports that a number of voluntary pledges have been made. The effort to raise the necessary funds will be undertaken within the next few days.

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the matter of Mr. Stone's offer to post \$5,000 of his stock in trust for the year to assure stockholders of the businesslike operation of the plant for that length of time. Mr. McLendon says. This offer was made by Mr. Stone for the purpose named, but it does not limit the operation of the mill to the year, as he will continue in operation as long

SIDE GLANCES—By George Clark



"What's the matter, mamma? You're the one who suggested stopping for dinner." as the business is profitable, his through his part of the agreement bond merely being posted to assure and will show them a profit on the stockholders that he will carry their investment.

OUT OUR WAY

Comic strip 'THE SMUGGLER' by Williams. Characters: 'NICE AND REFINED FOR A YOUNG LADY, ISN'T IT? RIGHT OUT ON THE FRONT PORCH, TOO!' 'WELL I DON'T CARE—I CAUGHT HIM SNEAKING OUT OF MY ROOM AND HE WON'T LET ME SEE WHAT HE'S GOT IN HIS POCKETS. I'LL HANG ON TILL HE DOES!' 'GO AHEAD—JISS HANG ON—I'M VERY COMFITUBBLE—VERY! WORSE'N CROSSIN' A BORDER HERE. FELLER DAGGEN' GO OUT 'THOUT GITTN HIS OWN, PERSONUL, PRIVATE POKKITS CUSTOMS INSPECTORED.'

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY THE SMUGGLER. J.R. WILLIAMS