

DRY LAKE IS STILL ON MAP

SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—Makers of maps have been for some years an unflinching source of amusement to the people at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley of California. Their maps of the state invariably show a large blue circle, about half the size of San Francisco Bay and bearing the caption "Lake Tulare." The fact is there is no such lake and hasn't been for so long that it is difficult for the oldest inhabitant to remember it.

Years ago, when the first pioneers invaded the San Joaquin Valley there was a real Lake Tulare. It covered approximately the square miles. Geologists are of the opinion that at one time in ancient history it covered 100 square miles.

The early settlers started reclaiming the shallow parts of the lake by levees. Later on higher levees were erected. Slowly the old lake was encroached on until it was reduced and reconverted by levees to flat land. The reclaimed lands were exceedingly fertile, and wheat was grown on them.

Much of the water from the Kern and Kings rivers, which formerly flowed into Lake Tulare, now impounded far up in the mountains for irrigation of the valley lands. The Tulare wheat area is spotted with cotton fields, which are increasing in number. The old lake bed is so dry that in some places the farmers have to pump to a depth of 250 feet to get any water. It is so dry that no crops could be raised without irrigation.

Nevertheless the maps, those of the state and federal government and tourist agencies and railroads continue to display Lake Tulare. The secretary of the Kings County Chamber of Commerce constantly receives letters from the east inquiring about Lake Tulare. Recently one man wanted to know the prospects for working up a good trade in boats and canoes. Another planned to sell fishing tackle near the lake. Still another, more ambitious, wanted all the data as he expected to establish a fine resort on the shores, with swimming, boating and everything aquatic. Even bathing suit manufacturers seek the market.

HIGHWAY BODY TO MEET
PORT ORFORD, Ore.—On Thursday, August 16, the Southern Oregon Highway association will meet here further to consider problems connected with improvement of the local harbor and construction of a highway from the vicinity of Grants Pass along the Rogue river to Port Orford.

President Gardner of Jacksonville and Frank Stephens of Medford, secretary, have advised the local committee on arrangements that delegations will be present from Coos, Curry, Jackson, Joseph and Klamath counties. An invitation has been extended to Oregon's members of congress and state officials.

At the meeting, plans will be discussed to raise funds to make a preliminary survey of the proposed highway, and to assist Oregon's delegation in congress in obtaining from congress an appropriation for improvement of the harbor.

On August 14, 15 and 16, Port Orford will hold its annual homecoming and pioneers' reunion, which, with the highway association meeting is expected to bring a large number of visitors.

Applegate Bridge Accepted
GRANTS PASS, Ore.—The bridge over the Applegate river, on the Redwood highway, nine miles from Grants Pass has been accepted by the state highway department. The new bridge straightens out the road and reduces the grade at the approach from 7 to 5 per cent. The bridge over State creek also has been accepted by the county.

Generally there are no grouches looking men about a newspaper office except the one who writes the funny stuff.

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Experts Plan to Tell About the New Drugs

NEW YORK (AP).—Development of pharmacy, involving the study of strange drugs, problems of education, manufacture and standardization, and the hazards of exploring the plant life of the jungles will be outlined at the third annual meeting of the National Conference on Pharmaceutical Research to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday, August 23, according to an announcement here by Prof. H. V. Army of Columbia university, president of the American Pharmaceutical association. Two sessions, to be attended by delegates from every state, are planned.

Source and identification of botanic drugs, now more abundant because of recent discoveries in the wilds of South America, will be described in the report of a research committee, whose efforts, it is said, are opening up new avenues of human knowledge.

Nine other research committees, composed of leading workers in pharmaceutical science, will present reports dealing with the chemistry of drug plants, biological products, business, chemical, dispensing pharmacy and standardization of botanic drugs.

BIG HAY CROP PROMISED

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—A survey of the hay situation in this county showed that the farmers would have between 100 and 150 cars to ship out this fall. At a meeting here they agreed to hold their hay for \$20 in the field or barn and \$25 if cut.

The survey showed also that there would be from 2000 to 2500 tons of hay for sale in the county, the most of this to be taken locally.

The ample water supply of the Grants Pass irrigation district has guaranteed four cuttings of alfalfa hay this season. Outside cattlemen already have started to make ar-

rangements to drive cattle in to feed during the winter, the freight rates making that more economical than to ship out the hay. The county agent is getting in communication with California concerns which may handle the hay surplus.

Pear Harvest at Height

MEDFORD, Ore.—The pear picking and packing season which began in the Rogue River valley July 25, is now approaching full swing, with hundreds of men, women, boys and girls employed in the orchards and packing houses. Up to tonight 120 cars of this season's estimated valley crop of 1200 cars had been shipped for eastern markets. Last season's crop was 1820 cars.

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GENEVA (AP).—A strong American group is expected to attend the twenty-second annual conference of the Inter-Parliamentary union which will be held this year at Bern and Geneva beginning August 22. As many European members of parliaments call the union "The popular chamber of the League of Nations" the meeting this summer is viewed with special interest because the "first session" will be held at Geneva just before the opening of the September assembly of the league. It is thought that many parliamentarians will stay on to follow the deliberations of the assembly, especially in view of the expected presence of Premier MacDonald, Herriot and Mussolini.

The union will meet at Bern from August 22 to 24. The next day the delegates will come to Geneva and visit the league of nations and the international labor office. On Thursday, August 28, the last sitting of the conference will be held in the conference hall at Geneva, the same auditorium where the delegates to the league assembly will convene September 1.

The agenda for the conference covers a variety of topics from questions of foreign policy to reduction of armaments. Congressman Theodore E. Burton, of the United States, is expected to deliver an address dealing with problems of foreign policy. As a member of the executive committee he will be asked to present the report of the union's bureau and open the general debate. Reports on juridical questions as affecting international law will be made by former Foreign Minister J. L. Mowinkel, of Norway, and by Professor Walter Schickel, member of the Reichstag, and president of the German group. They will both touch in general on parliamentary control of foreign policy.

Deputy Marquis Montet, of France, in the name of the permanent committee for the study of colonial and ethnic questions will speak on a "Colonial Mandates and the League of Nations," Senator Fernand Merle, of France, will read a paper on immigration, and Vincent Arrio,

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also a member of the French parliament, will give his ideas on the reparations problem. When the conference moves to Geneva it will concentrate its debate on the problem of armament reduction, which is now absorbing the attention of all parliaments and governments.

MINING ACTIVITY STARTS

ALBANY, Ore.—Mining activity on the Quartzville fork of the Santiam river above Postville was started Saturday when the first water was run through the nozzles on the Henry Host placer mining plant. Although nothing but surface dirt was run through a good show was found in the sluice boxes and encouraging symptoms are found in the old workings that for years have held a large store of gold and have yielded very little to the efforts of numerous prospectors.

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LONDON MADE TO FUNCTION WHILE CITY FATHERS PLAY

LONDON (AP).—The thousands of London's municipal organizations will, in a week or two, be "working automatically." This is quite the usual thing during the August vacation season, when big concerns like the London county council, the metropolitan water board and all borough councils go into recess so that their administrators and thousands of subordinates may regroup at the seaside.

The wheels of progress will not halt, however, because the various governing bodies happen to be away from their desks. They took precautions weeks ago to issue the most elaborate instructions in order to keep the trainways working, to see that 5,000 tons of garbage was cleared away daily, and that the water supply for London's millions was not likely to fail. Tons of necessary

stores were purchased and checks started for wages bills which ran into millions each week.

Negative Banker Earned Living
A Conductor of Gipsy Band
BUDAPEST (AP).—The Hungarian bankers in prison for loaning their clients' money by speculating in French francs were joined recently by Bela Kelen, who was extradited from Hungary.

Kelen fled to Sicily before his crash became known, disguised himself by darkening his face with powder and earned his living as a gipsy band conductor, being an excellent violinist.

His whereabouts were learned when his correspondence with friends in Hungary was opened for censorship, which still exists in Hungary.

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