

NATIONAL PARKS TRAVEL IN BIG GAIN THIS YEAR

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK. Ore. (Special)—In direct contrast with the 1933 travel season, 1934 national parks have shown gains from 25 to 400 per cent. Dr. H. C. Bryant, assistant director of the national park service, said when at Crater lake this while while on a general visit to western parks.

Dr. Bryant reported increased interest in naturalist services offered in each of the parks, providing visitors with opportunities of better understanding and appreciating the scenic wonders of the nation. First begun in Yosemite and Yellowstone national parks, these educational services struggled along for years during a difficult pioneer stage. Then every effort was necessary to determine what features would be best greeted by the public.

Now the pioneering era has been passed. People have learned what to expect when visiting a national park and are anxious to take advantage of all naturalist services, including hiking, informal scientific discussions of features within the respective parks, guided motor trips, mountain climbing, launch trips and other features.

Dr. Bryant learned that such interest in Crater Lake national park has shown commendable increase, especially in regard to services offered at the Sinnott Memorial observation station along the inner rim on Victor rock. This station enables the visitor to learn by his own efforts much of the story concerning Crater Lake and its environs without undergoing the rigors of a technical lecture. In this way it is possible for the visitor to fully understand the scene before him and appreciate its great beauty.

Travel increases of the current season are attributable to special efforts being made to make 1934 a national park year and also to improved economic conditions, reviving interest in traveling, especially to the scenic spots of the nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stringham returned this morning from the Dalles where they went to visit his brother, Edgar, who was injured in an accident as he was driving east from Portland June 26. They report that Edgar Stringham is in excellent condition and that contrary to information given the Observer yesterday that his arm had been amputated, his arm is healing and is in fair condition. He is still confined to The Dalles hospital, however.

Stringham was driving a truck for the Bond Transfer Co.

Practice is under way for the junior track meet scheduled for Thursday at 2:30 at the La Grande Stadium. This meet is for boys of two age groups, one group of under 10 years, and another from 10 to 15 years.

PERSONALS

Nasal Operation—Argie Martin returned Monday to his home at Baker after spending the weekend here. He underwent a nasal operation Saturday at the Bouvy hospital and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

From Baker—W. E. Stewart, prominent cattleman and irrigationist from Baker, was a business visitor in La Grande today.

Miss Doty Returns—Miss Mabel Doty returned Monday night from a trip of about four weeks to the middle west. Miss Doty first went to Chicago for a few days at the fair, then proceeded to Grand Ledge and other Michigan cities to visit in the homes of her brothers.

From Walla Walla—Mr. and Mrs. Arnett Woodroop were visitors in La Grande yesterday from their home at Walla Walla.

Here From Peoria—Frank T. Miller was registered at a local hotel yesterday from his home at Peoria, Ill.

From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg arrived in La Grande Sunday evening and are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Carey, for a few days. They were accompanied by Mrs. Virginia McClench, of Portland, who will be remembered by her many friends here as Virginia Warnick.

Return From Salem—Mr. and Mrs. George T. Cochran returned this morning from Portland where Mr. Cochran had been for the last several days working on the case of Washington against Oregon in which he is one of the attorneys for the state of Oregon.

KINGFISH IN SUDDEN MOVE BEFORE VOTE (Continued From Page One)

men holding the New Orleans registration office under partial martial law.

More than a score of guardsmen appeared at the city hall annex last night, battered in the door and took possession of the lists of names of qualified voters for the September congressional primary.

Governor O. K. Allen, a Long supporter, issued a proclamation establishing partial martial law and explained that the action was taken to protect the registrar's office from "insult and intimidation." The national law applied only to a restricted area in the vicinity of the city hall.

Mayor T. Semmes Walmsey, bitter enemy of the Louisiana "Kingfish," sat in his city hall office across the street at the time. He said: "It is apparent that they want to scratch the names from the registration books under the protection of the militia. They already control the registration office here through state appointment of the local registrar."

The night raid—"It's just a tea party," said one of the militiamen on guard at the door—came suddenly. A detachment of militia, under Adjutant General Raymond H. Fleming, moved up to the building quietly. They forced an entrance and the soldiers entered throughout the large unlighted room.

The building lights were not turned on and the guardsmen moved about silently all night, some of them using flashlights. Large crowds gathered outside.

In his hotel suite, from which he directs his political campaigns, Senator Long sat cloistered with Governor Allen and other state officials and directed the fresh attack.

The "Kingfish" has conducted a stern campaign against Walmsey for the last two weeks, charging that the city was a "cesspool of corruption." Guardsmen were employed late in the night and early this morning handing out circulars headed "honest registration guaranteed."

In the September primary, two congressmen from New Orleans and numerous other officials will be nominated. Rival set of candidates have been endorsed by Long and Walmsey.

Mayor Walmsey returned to New Orleans yesterday from a two weeks' vacation and issued a blanket statement denying charges made by Senator Long during the last two weeks. He threw down the gauntlet to the senator and offered to resign from his office if Long would resign as senator and enter a special election with him for Long's office. The senator unceremoniously refused to comment.

The militia raid last night was the anniversary of a state of martial law declared just a year ago when national guardsmen were called out by Long in connection with the investigation of charges of alleged fraudulent returns in the general election of November, 1932.

All gambling establishments in the city have been closed since Senator Long started his "reform" drive two weeks ago.

Mayor Walmsey announced that he had appointed a legal committee to meet at the city hall today to consider the legality of the governor's action in declaring "partial martial law."

GREENWOOD A. C. AND LIONS WIN

Members of the Normal School team failed to appear last night for their game in the twilight league with the High School Juniors and thereby forfeited the game by a 9 to 0 score.

The Greenwood Athletic club defeated the Union Pacific team by a 11 to 10 score. Both these games were scheduled for the La Grande Stadium.

At the Greenwood field the Firemen lost to the Lions club 17 to 16. This was reported to have been a slow game with numerous errors by both teams.

A change has been announced in the Wednesday night schedule. The game scheduled for the Sacajawea Barbers and the Firemen at the Greenwood field, will instead be played at the stadium, and the Elks and High School Juniors will play at Greenwood field. The new schedule follows.

Greenwood field, Greenwood A. C.'s vs Normal School; Elks vs High School Juniors. At La Grande Stadium, Lions vs Union Pacific and Barbers vs Firemen.

It was decided last night that in the future cleated shoes will be permitted in all games because of the fact that some of the players have been disregarding the rules, which prohibited the wearing of metal cleated shoes.

It is also announced that spectators are welcome to any and all of these games, which begin at 6:30 p. m.

'Inland Veteran' Congratulates La Grande, Ore.

The "Inland Veteran," newspaper published by Spokane post of the American Legion, in an account of the visit of its drum corps to the local celebration, concludes with the following tribute:

"La Grande, Oregon, we congratulate you and we thank you, for your invitation, your unparalleled hospitality and the wonderful time that each and every man of the Spokane corps enjoyed. It will linger long in the memory of every man who through your kind invitation was able to participate in and make the trip. Again, we thank you."

The account is also high in its praise of the treatment accorded the corps by Sam Jordan, manager of the La Grande hotel, where the corps stayed during its visit in this city.

STRIKERS AT WORK TODAY ALONG COAST

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positions this morning, eager to return to work. It was in striking contrast to the morning of May 9 when several hundred men gathered at the waterfront hiring hall here—but not to work.

SEATTLE, July 31 (AP)—The big parade back to work as the 86-day old maritime strike ended here was started today by striking marine and dock workers, estimated at 3,000 by their leaders.

ASTORIA, Ore., July 31 (AP)—The resumption of maritime activity in the lower Columbia district followed without incident today as the long strike ended.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 31 (AP)—Fifty-two longshoremen were back at their jobs today as their prolonged strike ended, and others will go to the docks as soon as vessels in the river can be released from other docks.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 31 (AP)—About 125 longshoremen, including all the 94 members of the Coos Bay local of the International Longshoremen's association, resumed work here today.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31 (AP)—Smiling and with friendly nods to blue coated policemen, thousands of longshoremen and other maritime workers returned to their jobs here and in other Pacific coast ports today.

Intense activity marked the ending of the strike, which began May 9 and cost at least eight lives and 20,000,000 in business.

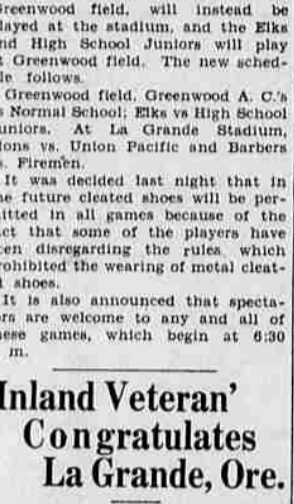
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who acted upon his advice, but he asked that his actions be judged free of the confusion of issues "certain to arise" if he were to be tried with the other 16.

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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

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Table with columns: OMAHA, July 31 (AP) - Cattle, Steers, Hogs, Sheep, Lambs, etc.

FOR MORE PEP Many people have an acid condition and do not realize it. Acid condition causes loss of pep, bad breath, colds and other troubles. Don't take chances—correct that acid condition with McKESSON'S MILK OF MAGNESIA. Milk of Magnesia's are not all alike. Insist on McKESSON'S—a quality product. At your druggists—only 30c pint.

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MURDER AT MOCKING HOUSE BY WALTER C. BROWN

not burn down to its socket in four or five hours. But we have the solution to that question. We found a box of candles in the drawer of the buffet. This box originally held a dozen, which are now only short stumps, more evidence of prior meetings in this house. The four candles you put in the holders, Mrs. Whitmore, are lying there in the buffet, untouched."

Mrs. Whitmore shook her head. "This is all news to me."

"Another thing—last night the electric current was switched off at the fuse-box. Is that the way you left it each night?"

"Why, no. The only times we cut off the current was when repairs were being made to the wiring or the fixtures. The lights were all right when I left yesterday."

Harper paused again and there was more curiosity than animosity now in their locked glances. "Tell me," he began anew, "did Mr. Dufresne ever come up here in the evening? Any time since he took up his quarters at the Austerlitz?"

"No, he did not."

"Did Mrs. Dufresne ever come up here at night—alone?"

"The housekeeper's eyes took on a venomous glitter. "I see what you're driving at," she snapped, "and you ought to be ashamed to ask, the question."

The detective smiled exasperatingly in the face of her fury. "Aren't you a little quick on the trigger, Mrs. Whitmore? I merely asked if Mrs. Dufresne had ever come up here at night?"

Mrs. Whitmore sprang up. "She did not. See if you can twist that around. The idea! If that's what's buzzing in your head you'd better open the windows and let some clean air in!"

THE incensed woman stalked toward the door, leaving behind her a Sergeant of Detectives who seemed no whit abashed nor embarrassed by her vehemence. Indeed, his face assumed the pleased expression of a man who has suddenly collared an elusive idea.

Her angry suggestion about opening a window, by some hidden process of mind, had linked itself with a piece of twine tucked away in his pocket. In a flash he grasped the significance of that clue and the force of this intuition carried certitude with it.

Mrs. Whitmore, throwing open the door for her wrathful exit, hit the lucky Lafferty, who had that instant put his hand on the knob to enter the room.

Lafferty hunched his shoulders and raised his arm in front of his face in mock defense. "What did you do to the old crow?" he inquired. "Her feathers are all ruffled and, unless my ears deceive me, she was cussing as she left."

Harper had unrolled his piece of twine and was fingering it thoughtfully.

"Charming woman, Mrs. Whitmore," he exclaimed. "She thought she was giving me a piece of her mind, but she just told me where that missing gun was hidden."

"That's as clear as mud. Where do you think the gun is hidden?"

"Come on," Harper invited, "I can show you quicker than I can explain it. I know I'm right—it must be there. I ought to have figured it out even without finding the string."

They made their way to the top floor, without meeting any one en route, and mounted the cramped and sharply-turning shaft of steps that led to the square, glass-enclosed cupola or tower that crowned the house.

The detective raised one of the windows, after a stubborn resistance, and slipped out over the sill. Lafferty followed. "What now?" he queried, turning up his coat collar.

Harper stood looking around. From this elevation the surrounding world appeared like a soft white wilderness, stretched away to infinity.

But the detective had only a moment's thought for this. His feet left clear tracks in the pristine whiteness as he went carefully toward the edge of the roof.

"Watch out, you don't start slipping down that slope," Lafferty warned, "or you'll end up with a broken neck."

They walked gingerly along the danger line, careful to avoid any sudden slip. Harper, with his eye cast on the short, steep slope to his left. Suddenly, he stepped ahead and pointed down to a dark blotch in the snowdrift that edged the roof.

"There it is! There's the gun!"

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Tomorrow, a revolver tells Harper things he wants to know.

WIG WEAR AND TEAR LONDON (AP)—A recorder in an English court claimed income tax rebate for wear and tear to his wig—and was allowed 25 cents a year.

PEN INVENTOR DIES NAIROBI (AP)—Claimed as the inventor of the fountain pen. Henry A. Bennett, one of the earliest English settlers in Kenya, has died here.

W. H. Grace & Company of New York believes the reduction of cotton acreage in the United States will lead to a measure of price increases in Egyptian, Peruvian, Indian and Brazilian cotton.