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CRATER LAKE HIGHWAY.

By far the most important work for Jackson county that its delegation in the legislature can accomplish is the securing of an appropriation for the construction of a boulevard to Crater lake.

Crater lake is one of the world's wonders, and with proper facilities provided for reaching it, will be visited by thousands every year. It will be advertised as no other one attraction will be, by the Southern Pacific and other railroads, and will be better known than any place in the northwest.

The time is coming, and that not so far off, when Oregon will be famous abroad simply as the state in which Crater lake is situated, as Arizona is known to millions only as the site of the Grand Canon of the Colorado. Nature has given us this magnet for tourists. If we do not take advantage of it we are to blame.

The first step needed is to make the lake accessible. To do this a fine highway must be constructed, similar to those in the Yellowstone and Yosemite. Tourists must be able to make Crater lake by automobile in a day, and this can be done only by the expenditure of a large amount of money.

County courts of Jackson and Klamath counties have each agreed to appropriate \$50,000 for the building of the boulevard, provided the state will also expend a like sum. The federal government will spend a large sum in building highways in the Crater Lake national park and in the Cascade forest reserve, provided the other expenditures by state and county are made. Others interested have agreed to contribute heavily.

All now depends upon an appropriation from the state. Governor Chamberlain has agreed to recommend the appropriation in a special message. The Crater lake road commission, numbering some of the leading men of Oregon, has promised to go to Salem to urge its passage. The State Good Roads association has agreed to aid the commission. It is up to the people, commercial organizations and municipal governments of Jackson county to lend every effort to secure its passage, and up to the Jackson county delegation to see that the appropriation is made.

The proposed highway does not concern Medford solely, but every part of the county. Its construction will aid not alone the towns it touches, but all other communities. The entire county will feel the benefit of the advertising and resultant tourist traffic; in fact the entire state will feel the effect beneficially.

Jackson county's delegation could well afford to drop other proposed legislation, the lack of which causes no offering to the county, and devote itself to the securing of this Crater lake road appropriation. The man with single purpose accomplishes things where the man with many irons in the fire fails; and if the delegation or any member of it can secure the appropriation he will have done something worth while and justified his election to retention in the legislature.

WAGON BANKS MADE A SPLENDID SHOWING

LEWIS, Or., Jan. 21.—In the case of failure of five state banks in Oregon, with liabilities aggregating over \$1,000,000 over assets, since May 25, the depositors will probably be in full, "certainly a very satisfactory result after the financial panic swept over the country in 1907," Bank Examiner James Steel, in giving up the condition of the banks in his jurisdiction, in his first bi-annual report to the state board of bankers, which has just been made.

There were six state and private banks in the state, a total of 132, which were forced into liquidation during the financial depression, one of which, the Farmers and Merchants bank of Nyssa, Malheur county, was closed only for two days, its liabilities were taken over by the largest creditor, the Boise State bank, and business was resumed. The five failures were the Oregon bank of Jefferson, Farmers and Merchants bank, North Powder; E. W. (private), Forest Grove; Oregon Savings bank and Title Guaranty Trust company of Portland; The State bank of Jefferson, reorganizer provided for the payment of liabilities, and is now in a prosperous condition. Dividends aggregating per cent of depositors' claims were paid by Haines' Forest Grove and prospects are for an early resumption of business. The Farmers and Merchants bank of North Powder assignment to the Powder Valley bank, which took over the old building and sufficient assets to liquidate the insolvent bank, and the liabilities of the Trust & Savings bank of Portland, the German-American bank and the original indebtedness of \$1,000 has been reduced to \$400. The prospects are that all will be paid in full in the near future. The liabilities of the Title Guaranty Trust company of Portland, aggregating \$2,664,741.54, were taken over by M. Ladd, who guarantees the depositors against loss, from two to three years.

ASHLAND TO HAVE ELECTION TO VALIDATE AMENDMENTS

Ashland will have a special municipal election on Thursday, January 28, under the initiative provision now in effect in the municipalities of Oregon. The election is called to validate certain charter amendments heretofore voted upon and almost unanimously adopted, providing among other things for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for the electric power and light plant now under way. The people have voted twice with remarkable unanimity upon the proposition, but the Portland brokers who bought the bonds of the city, subject to the approval of the proceedings in regard to their issuance, refused to accept them until a new election had been called to approve them again, claiming that there were certain technical irregularities in the procedure of the previous election. The city council at first refused to concede the point of the brokers, but, finding itself in urgent need of money to carry on the construction work, concluded that discretion was the better part of valor, and decided to call the election and realize on the bonds as quickly as possible.

CREW STOOD BY PUMPS FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS

HALIFAX, Jan. 21.—Leaving their little vessel a blazing wreck in the Gulf Stream, Captain Kolbe and crew of the Newfoundland schooner Red Gull, but have arrived here. The Red Gull left Halifax on November 28 for St. John's, N. E. Three days out she encountered a succession of heavy gales and the crew were not to work at the pumps. For 17 days they pumped incessantly, the water pouring through the open seams into the vessel. They were at the point of surrender when, on December 21, the steamer Louisiana, from New York for Halifax, sighted their signals and took the crew off. Before leaving his vessel Captain Kolbe fired his gun. The crew were landed at Halifax and from there sent to Halifax by the British consul. From that port they sailed for Newfoundland.

DEMENTIA RESULT OF HAZING OR OVERSTUDY

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 21.—As a result of either overstudy or a hazing he recently received, his friends not knowing which Samuel Sorkin of Yorkers, N. Y., a student at the University of Maryland became subject to sudden dementia last night while visiting friends in East Baltimore and began talking at random. He was persuaded to lie down and rest, but in a few minutes jumped up and finally rushed into the street in his stocking feet and without either coat or hat. He disappeared and in an hour was picked up by the police in West Baltimore several miles from his starting point.

He talked to himself almost incessantly and in an unintelligible manner. A physician was called, and an opiate was administered.

His family in Yorkers was notified. His brother, David, arrived today, and hastened to the station house. As he stepped before the cell his brother recognized him.

"Do you know what you are?" asked David.

"Yes, I am in a lunatic asylum," was Samuel's reply. With that his face became blank and nothing could induce him to say another word.

His friends are inclined to attribute his dementia to overstudy, but to a woman who lived at the same house he had told of his trouble to evade hazing.

MAY USE RECALL ON MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 21.—A public movement to consider several recent official acts of Mayor A. C. Harper of Los Angeles, which may result in the starting of a petition for his recall from office, is under way, backed by one or more powerful civic organizations and many citizens of prominence. A meeting has been called for next Wednesday afternoon by the Municipal League and cards of invitation have been sent to a hundred prominent citizens, irrespective of their affiliation with the league or party adherence. Many friends of the mayor are on the list.

Mayor Harper says those who are working for his recall may do what they please in the matter.

October 10, 1908, was an anniversary in the history of Alaska. On that date 41 years ago the American flag was raised at Sitka to indicate that Russia had withdrawn and the vast territory which will be exploited at Seattle next year was a part of the United States.

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