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THE MACKENZIE HIGHWAY

Government Co-operates With Counties In Its Construction.

One of the most important projects which the Forest Service has undertaken in road construction in Oregon, in co-operation with the Counties, is that of the Mackenzie Highway along the river of that name. Forty-five miles of this road is within the National Forest boundary.

This road is one of the main arteries of travel between Central Oregon and the Willamette Valley and covers a distance of ninety-six miles from Eugene to its western terminus, to Sisters, on the east side of the Cascade Divide. From Eugene to the Forest boundary at Blue River, an old mining town, there is a fairly good County road. The county is making improvements on this part of the highway, gravelling in places, leveling in others and relocating in still others. Road construction within the Forest began in 1913 and is now complete as far as Ishman's Corral, within six miles of the summit and four miles beyond Lost Creek Ranger Station. Before the road on the east slope between the Divide and Sisters, can be finished, much survey work must be done. Here rough table land will be encountered and several miles of lava bed, which will make this stretch of road difficult of construction. The Forest Service plans to make the necessary survey this season.

The completion of the Mackenzie Highway will do much toward developing the country. This road is the principal highway for the emigrant trains which are constantly moving between Central Oregon and the Willamette Valley. About as many go one way as the other. Central Oregon people claim they go to the Willamette Valley to wash their shirts, while those in the Willamette Valley say they go to Central Oregon to dry their shirts. At all events, the emigrant wagons keep moving back and forth across the Divide, often stopping to camp and visit as they meet en route.

NOTICE—Will the person who borrowed a spring tooth harrow and a disc harrow belonging to E. E. Oman, sometime last year, please return the same to the premises from which same were taken and notify this office.—D. W. Bagshaw.

FOR RENT—The Norling house, Oregon street. Apply to D. W. Bagshaw, this office.

FIRE AT GOLD HILL

Destroys Seven Buildings. Loss \$15,000. Fire Started in Livery Barn. Small Boys Playing With Matches Are Blamed

A fire supposed to have been started by some small boys playing with matches in the rear of the livery barn at Gold Hill, Wednesday afternoon caused the destruction of seven buildings in the main part of town, and for a while threatening the destruction of the entire town. The fire started about four o'clock and lasted for more than an hour; the wind blowing from the built up part of town saved many buildings from destruction.

The buildings burned were the following: Livery barn of Darling & Hodges, residence belong to Tom West residence of John Ritter, Jewelry store of S. V. McFarren, blacksmith shop, Calhoun's barn, residence belonging to Tom Meyer. The loss is given as being about \$15,000 with insurance of \$200.

That all of Gold Hill is not a mass of ashes is due to heroic efforts of the volunteer fire department, and the kind direction of a light wind.

When the fire was at its height according to a telephone message to Medford the water supply weakened owing to a slackening in the power the reservoir water in the reservoir being exhausted by the exigency. Assistance was asked from the Medford fire department but unfortunately there was no reserve equipment.

Electric Air Brake

Electric-pneumatic brakes are soon to displace the air brakes used on the passenger trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This form of brake has been found necessary because of the weight of trains made up of all steel cars. In long trains the shock and surging accompanying the application of the brakes has proved very objectionable indeed. In a twelve-car train it takes eight seconds for the full braking force to be felt at the last car. With the electro-pneumatic brake, the braking power will be exerted at the same instant on all the cars, and within two seconds after the application of the brakes, the whole braking force will be exerted throughout the train.—Scientific American

NEED MILITARY TRAINING

Judge Goodwin Insists That if Tried, People Would Insist on it.

It is a fine showing that Secretary Daniels makes for the United States navy. It makes every American glad. That part of it which treats of the guns and ammunition will be studied carefully by foreign powers. They will not forget that up to date in actual practice the rule has been that just twice as many shots fired by Americans in war from either small arms or great take effect than when fired by foreign armies or ships. What is said of American submarines will also be carefully noted.

Now if our schools were keeping pace with the navy; if the course of study in all our higher schools could include an hour a day of military drill and then one year in camp, it would not cost very much more than at present and could be tried for five years the entire sentiment of the people would insist upon making it the rule.

That would not encourage militarism at all, it would merely accomplish the youth of the country in something they need to know, and their after lives would prove that it was really the most useful portion of the education the schools gave them.

Then too, in the event of a war—and we have had a war in every generation since ours was a nation—it would prevent thousands of deaths in learning war after it was too late.

This is so plain that one would think the people would demand that the rule should be at once established.—Goodwin's Weekly

Killed on Way to Game

Roseburg, Or., May 3—Cyril Huffman died at Oakland last night as the result of injuries sustained in a runaway yesterday, and Lloyd Bridges, age 14 son of W. O. Bridges, an Oakland merchant is fatally injured and expected to die at any hour. Six other boys were slightly injured. The accident occurred when the Oakland baseball team was on the way to Rice Hill to play. The wagon tongue broke on a down grade, the horses ran away, the wagon was thrown against a telephone pole and all the boys were thrown out, Cyril Huffman striking against a fence post. The lad was an orphan. Two of his brothers live here.

PORTLAND LETTER

Photo-play "Land Of Promise," to be Produced. Bar Associations August 23-24-25.

Portland, Ore., May 4, (Special)—Oregon's marvelous scenic wonders, with the Ninth annual Rose Festival, June 9, 10 and 11 as a fitting climax, will be the basis for the photoplay, "The Land of Promise," to be produced in Portland by the Northwest Weekly, an Oregon motion picture company. The purpose of the photoplay will be to include the scenic attractions in various portions of the state about a story of the early history of Oregon. N. Olness, who will produce the picture, will have the co-operation of the Rosarians and the festival association. The scenario was written by Pearl Bailey, a Portland girl, and was considered the best out of more than thirty plays submitted to the judges.

A company of photoplay actors will be taken on a tour of the state and pictures will be staged at the Pacific ocean beaches, along the Oregon coast line; on the Columbia Highway, near Mt. Hood, along the Columbia river, at Crater National park, in the caves of Josephine county near Grants Pass; along the Deschutes River in Central Oregon and in fertile valleys. There will be more than 100 scenes and the photoplay will be produced on motion picture circuits covering theatres all over the civilized globe.

To secure a queen for the Portland Rose Festival that will represent the greatest number of people, the fiesta management has received nominations from every organization in Portland. Voting will be by coupons in the daily papers of Portland. The coupons will appear in the paper until May 16. The contest closes May 19, giving three days for votes from cities and towns outside Portland to reach the contest manager. Organizations in Portland will appeal to similar societies through out the state to forward coupons. The girl receiving the highest vote will be queen and the next six highest will be princesses.

Portland will be the mecca of the lawyers of several states when the joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington Bar Association meets in Portland, August 23, 24 and 25. At this meeting some of the most prominent attorneys of the United States will be present, among them the Hon. Judge Taft, ex-president of the United States Ex-senator George Turner of Washington, and Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, who will be the principal speakers at this convention. Attorneys who will be in attendance at the American Bar Association's meeting in Salt Lake City a week prior to the one in Portland will come to the city to participate in the meeting. Elaborate arrangements are being made for the entertainment of these men who argue before the Bar; among the several features of this entertainment will be an auto drive along the famous and beautiful Columbia River Highway, which will be open to traffic by that time.

Road Controversy to be Settled by State Highway Commission

Canyonville, Or., May 4—The state highway commission met yesterday at the Douglas and Josephine county line to settle a controversy between Josephine county and the people of Glendale. In building the Pacific highway Josephine county built a fine road leading from Wolf Creek to the Douglas county line by the shortest and most feasible route, connecting with the road leading from Glendale to Roseburg, three miles east of Glendale. The latter place was left off the road by three miles, and the town protests. The pathfinder gave to Canyon creek the name of Cow creek, and the road he called the Cow creek canyon wagon road. There is no such thing. The Southern Pacific railroad follows the Cow creek canyon, which has no wagon road to Glendale, while the road they call the Cow creek canyon road is from 6 to 10 miles east of the railroad, being the old government trail canyon road. It is the only wagon road leading south between the ocean and Crater Lake or Klamath Falls, a distance of about 200 miles by trail or 120 miles by air line.

Uncle Billy Cameron, of Uniontown was a business visitor in town Saturday.

CREED TO BE LAID ASIDE

Ministers of Oregon Will Discuss Problems That Vex All Alike.

The third annual conference of ministers of all denominations will be held during July in the new administration building of the University of Oregon. Present problems of the city and rural churches will be threshed out, these problems being now common to practically all denominations in Oregon. Some of them are: Characteristics of country folk and church work; centralization of country churches; the country church and the city man; the divine element in the re-organization of the country church; religious teaching in terms of country life; interdenominational cooperation; the social survey and the country church.

Courses in the University summer school, which will then be in progress will be open to the ministers, as well as the University library with its 53,000 volumes to private research.

The Rising Sun in China

European nations have been establishing "spheres of influence" in China for the purpose of excluding from the affected territory as much of other nations' trade as possible. In the German sphere German goods predominated; in the English sphere English capital built and operated the railroads, exploited the mines, assisted English firms against other traders. Since Manchuria became a Japanese sphere of influence American mills have seen their trade in cotton goods in the province shrink from the lion's portion of twenty-four million dollars annually to less than three million dollars a year; steadily inexorably American exports to Chinese territory under the control of Japan have been diminishing, and other nations have had similar experiences.

The United States, being the richest nation in the world and possessing at home the greatest market for commodities of all kinds in all the world, had neither need nor incentive to exploit its neighbors. It had abundance of iron, raw material and purchasing power within its own borders. Japan, on the other hand has none of these things. Japan needs China for iron ore, coal and other raw materials, and Japan needs China as an outlet for the goods manufactured from Chinese raw materials. Therefore Japan at the propitious moment takes that which she needs. If China and the Western powers are hurt by the process, Japan can point to her necessities and the fate of Belgium.

Both the United States and China are equally helpless in the face of Japanese procedure. The best either can do is to protest, even though the Chinese in America were early in April beginning to collect money for a war fund.—From May Sunset

To Print Free Textbooks

Salem, Or., May 4—The possibility of an initiative bill at the next general election for printing of textbooks for the schools of the state to be furnished free to grade pupils, is seen in a movement inaugurated recently. State educators and legislators are interested in the movement and it is expected that it will soon be sufficiently strong to formulate plans for the initiation of a measure.

Met By Lower Fares.

Vancouver, B. C., May 3—In order to meet 5-cent motor bus competition, the British Columbia Electric railway today announced a cut in fares, allowing eight tickets for 25 cents. The tickets will not be good for transfers; 5 cents straight will be charged when transfers are asked. The British Columbia Electric railway controls all street railways in this province.

Do's Buys Yellow Fir

Grays River, Wash., May 3—C. A. Doty of the Multnomah Box Co. and the Campbell Logging Co. has purchased the timber, logging railroad and camp equipment of the Hollis, Briggs & Avery Logging company. The timber to be opened up is one of the finest bodies of yellow fir to be found on the Columbia river it is claimed.

Recall Petition Said To Be Ready Against Prosecutor at Fossil.

Salem, Or. May 3—From an authentic source it was learned here today that a petition, asking for the recall of J. K. Starr, district attorney of Wheeler county, had been forwarded to a state official here, but when it will be filed or not seems problematical, it being held up, subject to the orders of its main initiators. The chief reason for withholding it from filing at present is that a suitable candidate to run against Starr at the recall election had not been found, declared this official. According to this official, the petition charges Starr with inefficiency and failure to enforce the criminal laws of the state. As the district attorney is a state officer, the petition will have to be filed with the secretary of the state and he will fix the time for election, when it is to be filed.

Electric Sparks

(From off our Wireless)

It took the twentieth century to bring about an estrangement between those ancient and powerful allies, Mars and Bacchus.

A cripple has running expenses the same as other people.

When a man has a wife he always knows what to do with his money.

Possibly Japan wants China's place in the sun.

Baseball teams, as usual, are thundering in the index.

Are breach of promise suits actually more numerous in the springtime, or do they merely seem so.

Apparently a man never gets to be so old that he ceases to be surprised when women's fashions change.

Will any war-reformed European nation deliberately go back to hard drinking when the fighting is over?

China finds that being a republic does not free it from the kind of troubles to which it has been accustomed.

California suggests an "Olive-day" olives being so much more aristocratic than the revenue producing prune.

If the war will kindly stand aside a few days there will be hardly anything to mar the baseball season.

New York has a new marvel. A Capitalist is to build a seven story building there on an important corner. The ground squatter may yet drive out the skyscraper.

Prosperity is reported to be rapidly advancing everywhere and even those who found pleasure in a calamity howl may be relied upon to give it a welcome.

Some people go through life looking as if they were sorry they had ever started.

It is said that ghosts enter haunted houses with the aid of skeleton keys.

The public interest in the condition of F-4 before it met with disaster is something more than idle curiosity.

Some British subjects are frank in expressing the wish that general news could get past the censors as easily as Kitchener's views on the use of alcoholic beverages.

The interest taken by John D. Rockefeller in animal diseases is entirely non-partisan and offers no hope of precise information as to what is the matter with the democratic donkey.

After a man has been married a year or two he looks as neglected as an old brick tombstone.

It should be a penal offense to grind out "coming through the rye" on a hand organ in a prohibition precinct.

Religion in politics is the most regrettable issue raised in many a long year.

Fighters of the dreadnought class in pugilism are also expensive to maintain.

As a more physical task it should take Japan a century or two to swallow Japan.

Electric Drive in a Paper Mill

A paper mill at Maumee, Ohio, reports a saving of \$400 a month as a result of the introduction of electric drive. Previously this mill operated with steam power, using two 100-horse power boilers. Now in place of being driven from long lines of shafting, the machines are individually driven by motors. Not only has this resulted in a direct saving of power, but it has been found possible to reduce by two men the regular force of workmen.—Scientific American

Men, Please Don't Forget

- (1) That we represent M. Born & Co. the greatest Tailors in the world;
- (2) We can sell you an all wool suit from \$14.00 up, made to fit you.
- (3) We absolutely guarantee a fit and allow you to examine suit before paying for same.
- (4) We believe the local Merchant, who pays local taxes, who spends his money with you, who helps things at home in a thousand different ways, is Entitled to the Business, prices and quality being equal. AM I RIGHT?

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store Jacksonville, Ore.