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State Highway Commission to Buy Approach to Monument

Portland, October 25.—Today the state highway commission decided to acquire by purchase or otherwise the vacant lands in blocks 28 and 29 of the Port Orford townsite for parking purposes. The decision was in response to a petition of the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce presented by George W. Soranson, its secretary.

The above news dispatch relates to the vacant lands lying between the Roosevelt highway and Battle Rock which the chamber requested the highway commission to acquire last spring to preserve in perpetuity the magnificent panorama of the Pacific ocean and the rugged shore line to the south. One of the potent factors in making a public park out of these lands is the fact that from their vantage point the southbound Roosevelt highway traveler gets his first real view of the mighty Pacific for a distance of some 70 miles south of Port Orford. Other reasons are that these lands control the approach to the Port Orford beach and should, therefore, be acquired so that the public may fully and conveniently enjoy the recreational advantages afforded by this fine strip of sandy shore line; that the lands control the approach to Battle Rock and should be acquired by the public so that this historic treasure may be readily accessible to the generations to come; and that the lands form the foreground to the proposed memorial to Theodore Roosevelt which the Spanish War veterans contemplate erecting on Battle Rock and for which Senator McNary introduced a bill in congress last March to appropriate \$50,000.

Trail Work Suspended

The trail work being done on the Middle Elk river on a 50-50 basis by the local miners and the forest service has been suspended for the season, and the men employed have left for their homes.

Some five miles of standard trail was constructed this year by this arrangement, and a large section of country opened up for both prospecting and for fire fighting purposes. It is understood that the forest service contemplates a continuance of the work another season.

Gold Beach Auto Thief Taken

Upon telegraphic advice from Gold Beach, Sheriff Jack Breen got the wires busy in pursuit of Ted Green, 18, of Seattle, who had stolen an Oakland roadster at Gold Beach from a man by the name of Foster, recorder of deeds, at Gold Beach.

Sheriff Breen found that Green had turned up the north bank of Smith river, so he telephoned to Austin Raymond, at Patricks creek. Raymond was coming this way and found Green eating supper at Gasquet. He was put under arrest and started for Crescent City. Sheriff Breen and Sheriff Huntley of Gold Beach met the young man at South Fork and returned with him to Crescent City.

Sheriff Huntley and Mr. Foster, the man who had lost the car, took Green back to Gold Beach that same evening.

An article appearing in both the Gold Beach papers stated that a young man from Seattle and giving his name as Ted Green had been arrested for stealing a Chevrolet touring car from Gold Beach on October 8, and was being held for the grand jury. The age and description of the two tally and it is thought by Sheriff Breen that this chap is the same that was arrested here.—American.

W. D. McGill is building an addition on the west end of W. T. White Sr.'s residence, corner of Fifth and Jackson streets.

HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES STATEMENT

County Health Officer Wheeler Thanks Public for Its Help in Checking Epidemic.

I wish to thank the people of the three towns whose schools I have closed for the purpose of preventing the spread of epidemic infantile paralysis for their permission to establish and assistance in enforcing the segregation of each family group of children. Without this additional measure I know that closing the schools would be worse than useless.

This is the first time since I have been health officer that I have adopted so radical a measure, but the serious nature of this malady and the almost certain after effects of same justify any effort we can put forth to bring it under control.

The average citizen of Curry county is not a wealthy person and in case of a serious outbreak of this disease there would be a very limited number of the parents of those afflicted who would have the financial resources to put their children under the care of a proper orthopedic surgeon and permit of hospitalization for the length of time necessary for the restoration of functions in paralyzed limbs.

Also the state and the Shriner's hospitals are full to capacity all the time and would be entirely unable to cope with the situation. Both these hospitals have a long waiting list at all times and this fact would preclude the admission of new cases until the lapse of such a time that possible benefit would be very questionable.

I will appreciate the further co-operation of the public in reporting all cases of sickness of doubtful or unknown origin, as there are no well defined symptoms which make an early diagnosis of infantile paralysis certain.

Yours very truly,
Jas. W. Wheeler, M.D.,
Health Officer.

Two More Deaths in Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Ore., Oct. 19.—Infantile paralysis claimed a sixth victim here today with the death of Irene Volkman, aged 10. Russell Gregey, aged 15, stricken Sunday night, died late yesterday.

Say Port Orford Child Better

Miss Jewell Crow, Port Orford teacher who was here yesterday en route to her home at Salem to remain until the schools were reopened after the infantile paralysis scare there ends, stated that one child had died.

Today the Coos Bay Times received the following explanatory telegram:

"Editor Coos Bay Times: In your issue yesterday appeared article stating that in the one case infantile paralysis in Port Orford district the child had died. This is an error. The child is alive and doing as well as can be expected. Please give equal prominence to this correction in today's issue.

"PORT ORFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE"

State Official There
The two-year-old child of Geo. Horner of Port Orford is improving after being stricken with infantile paralysis. Dr. Stricker and Dr. Adams were called to Port Orford at the time the child was first taken ill and pronounced the disease infantile paralysis. They are at a loss to know where the child contracted the disease as it was the first case in Curry county.

A. E. Adams, retiring editor of the Gold Beach Reporter, who came up yesterday, said he understood a child had died up the Sixes, some distance from Port Orford.—Times.

Medford to Lift Paralysis Ban

Medford, Ore., Oct. 19.—After a quarantine for nearly three weeks as a preventive measure against infantile paralysis, city officials announced today that the ban will be lifted Friday morning and the schools will open.—(Continued on page 4.)

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt was born October 27, 1858, and died October 27, 1919. Representative of true Americanism, he occupied positions of great public trust, including the greatest gift within the power of our people to bestow—the presidency—and by his exemplary private life and official acts left an impress of his character upon our American life that will remain for all time.

In memory of its illustrious son, the United States government has designated Thursday, October 27, 1927, as Navy Day, and wherever the Stars and Stripes floats—whether at home or abroad—due homage will be paid to Theodore Roosevelt on that day.

We who live along the great Oregon highway bearing his name should observe Navy Day insofar as possible in memory of Theodore Roosevelt, and, particularly we, who live in the vicinity of historic Battle Rock on which the Spanish War veterans propose to erect a great memorial to their comrade in arms—a shrine where observance of his natal day will occur with each successive year—should pay homage to the memory of America's great patriot.

Child Paralysis

Spread by Many

Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the Oregon state board of health, issued the following:

A "carrier" is an individual who, while not suffering from a communicable disease, nevertheless harbors the germ of infection in his body through the elimination of which he is capable, either directly or indirectly, of infecting others. The discovery that contagious diseases may be disseminated in this manner is of comparatively recent date.

It was known, of course, that certain diseases followed routes of human travel and that human beings were in some manner concerned in the transmission of disease. It was assumed that the infection was carried in the individual's belongings, such as clothing, or possibly in the exterior of his person, as hair, beard, or fingers. An investigation revealed that some of these individuals had suffered from the disease in question but were now perfectly well. In other instances the individual had lived in houses where such illness existed. Still others gave no history of a preceding illness or contact with persons who themselves had been exposed. The discovery of the existence of carriers has greatly extended the activity in the control of communicable diseases.

The virus of infantile paralysis may persist in the nasal secretions of persons who have long recovered from this disease. Even the abortive convalescent may also harbor the virus. In addition to convalescent carriers, healthy carriers of the infantile paralysis virus have also been demonstrated. Unfortunately the only method which is thus far available to demonstrate whether an individual is or is not a carrier of infantile paralysis virus is by animal experimentation. The inoculation of monkeys is expensive and cumbersome and cannot be used practically for the control of outbreaks of infantile paralysis.

As the patient himself is the primary focus of dissemination, hospitalization should be enforced whenever home conditions are such as to render complete isolation impossible. In this manner the number of healthy carriers, whom we must regard after all as the greater menace, will of necessity be diminished. Rigid quarantine of the entire household should be insisted upon if isolation of patient is not possible. Prevent the production of carriers by reducing the number of persons who come in contact with the disease. It has been definitely demonstrated that individuals who show no manifestations of having the disease themselves may carry the virus in their upper air passages. The control of carriers constitutes the greatest problem in disease prevention. If man is the sole distributor of the virus of infantile paralysis.—(Continued on page 4.)

Lumber More Active

on Coos Bay

More than 12,000,000 feet of fir, cedar, white cedar and hemlock will be shipped out of Coos Bay with the next few weeks, according to bookings made with the Independent Stevedore company here.

The Kohnan Maru arrived today to dock at the Coos Bay Lumber company. She will finish at the McGeorge dock and leave with 2,700,000 feet for Japan, via a north Pacific port.

The Kokshin Maru is due Oct. 30 to load at the Coos Bay and Smith Terminal docks, some 2,700,000 feet.

The first boat scheduled for November is the Iwatsuki Maru, due on Nov. 5. She will load two million feet of logs and lumber for Callao, Peru.

On November 14 the Yoshida Maru No. 1 will load 2,700,000 feet for Japan.

A Mitsui steamer is expected in November to load for Callao, Peru, but her name has not yet been determined.

In December the Irukisan Maru will load two million feet for Callao.—Times.

Navy Day Celebration

Crescent City, October 24.—Thursday Navy Day, which is also the birthday of the beloved Theodore Roosevelt, will be celebrated here in fitting manner. The navy department will send the U. S. S. Farquhar and the U. S. S. Thompson here to participate in observance of the day, and an open invitation is extended to all southwestern Oregon to join in making the day memorable.

White Building

Being Improved

The W. T. White Jr. building, in which are housed the Western hotel and cafe, the Port Orford meat market, and Dunham's grocery store, is being faced with stucco, and when completed will add materially to its appearance. The work is being done by E. L. White.

A new coat of white paint on the front of the Port Orford bakery and Bennett's store also adds to the appearance of the street.

Korell New Congressman

Portland, Ore., Oct. 19.—Franklin F. Korell, republican, was elected congressman from the third Oregon district by a majority of 5,201 over Elton Watkins, democrat, complete returns from the district's 432 precincts showed today. The total vote was Korell 17,819 and Watkins 12,618. Korell will serve out the unexpired term of the late M. E. Crumpacker.

County Clerk Improving

Gold Beach, Ore., Oct. 22.—Fred Caughell, county clerk, who is in Portland for medical treatment, is improving and it is reported he will return to his duties in the courthouse within the next two or three weeks.

Oregon Editor's Blindness Put Him on Road to Success

Senator Hall on Auto Headlights

Motorism now is entering the season of more headlight use when glare makes its damaging effects most seriously felt and the motor car owner who is interested in making his own path and that of his fellow driver easier and safer will give a thought to the condition of the lights on his car, says Charles Hall, director for this district of the Oregon State Motor association. Fall brings into service lights that may have seen relatively little use during the summer when days were long. Mr. Hall points out and the result is the creation of a traffic hazard that long has been regarded as one of the most serious.

"While some motorists will regard it as wholly unnecessary to question the condition of the headlights on their cars, it is safe to say that in the case of nine out of ten cars that have not had their lights adjusted during the last three months, there is a serious need for action," says Mr. Hall. "It is not to be questioned that headlamp equipment is better, much better, than ever before, but the best of it, subjected to driving over rough roads, will get out of focus and proper aim.

"It is high time that every car owner realizes that he must look to the condition of his own lamps instead of constantly berating the other fellow for driving with glaring lights. This club and others of the 930 affiliated with the American Automobile association have found that the reverse of this attitude is one of the largest contributing causes to the never-ending headlight problem.

"It is a problem that can be solved but not until each car owner takes it upon himself to have his own lights adjusted, not once, but at regular intervals just as he has the crankcase of his car drained and the gasoline tank filled."

Co-operation Appreciated

Grants Pass, Ore., Oct. 18.—Forest Supervisor J. H. Billingslea, of Grants Pass, has sent the following letter of appreciation to 30 postmasters in and near the Siskiyou national forest for posting on the bulletin boards in their respective offices:

"The forest service takes this means to express its appreciation of the care taken with fire in the forests by the patrons of your office during the past season.

Only 24 fires occurred on the Siskiyou forest this year—the smallest ever known. "Some of the districts had none. The record is due to care with fire by the individual, a united public opinion in favor of a smokeless summer for our tourists and to a growing desire to protect the timber for our future needs.

Of the 24 fires, 17 were caused by man and 7 by lightning. Of the 17 man-caused fires, 10 were due to careless smokers or to campfires left burning.

This letter is intended as a personal letter of thanks to all who read it and have helped in bringing this about. May I ask you to post it on your bulletin board?"

Forest fire prevention is not a one-man or one-organization job, according to Mr. Billingslea, but its success depends upon the united efforts of all forest protection agencies and all individual users of the forests. Local chambers of commerce have been active in putting over the smokeless summer idea and deserve full credit for their share in the successful campaign of forest protection.

The close co-operation of organizations and individuals has made possible the encouraging forest fire record of 1927 on the Siskiyou national forest.

Miss Ena McKenzie was the special nurse on duty at the Leep hospital in Bandon in the case of the recent auto accident on the Elk river hill. John Quinn, who was thought to be fatally injured, is now on his way to recovery.

Rev. J. C. Whitsett was in Gold Beach Tuesday on a short business trip.

How blindness, with which he had been threatened for 12 years, proved the turning point in the life of B. Frank Irvine, of Corvallis, Oregon, and brought him success and the editorship of the Oregon Journal, of Portland, the largest evening paper in the northwestern part of the United States, is told in The American magazine for November.

"When blindness came upon me," he says, "not one of the things I had thought for years might happen did happen. I did not drop out of the current of life; I did not become a parasite on my family; I did not lose my business. Instead, I began to find out that I could depend upon myself and I began to get a confidence in myself that I had never had before."

Irvine tried out teaching telegraph operating, clerking and dairy ranching before he finally succeeded in getting into the newspaper business in a small way in towns including Seilo, where he was born, and later in Corvallis. When a young man and a railway station agent he suffered an unintentional blow in the eye in a friendly boxing match with a railroad fireman. The eye grew worse and ineffectual blindness barred him from every venture he attempted. An operation restored the eye and he started his Corvallis newspaper but soon the other eye began to dim and both gradually became worse. During another trip to see a specialist in San Francisco, 20 years ago, total blindness came on suddenly.

"Now," he said to himself, "I don't have to worry any more about my eyes. I know what I am up against and I am going straight a head."

Irvine returned to his paper in Corvallis determined to make it bigger. He also made himself bigger. Mrs. Irvine became his "eyes."

"I gave special attention to farming topics," he said. "One day I wrote an article on the cooperative movement started by a handful of apple growers at Hood River, Oregon. They were the first in the West to point the way to co-operative farm marketing. Many western growers—notably the citrus fruit growers of California—are now banded together under such a system.

"The article on the Hood River growers, as I remember it, was just a plain explanation of the methods, struggles, and accomplishments of the farmers. C. S. Jackson, publisher of the Oregon Journal, saw it. He wrote at once and asked if I wouldn't write similar articles and editorials regularly for the Journal. I lost no time in getting some copy to him. Every line I sent was used.

"Finally, in September, 1907, he asked me to come to Portland and write editorials for the Journal.

"My dream had come true! I accepted on the spot, rushed back to Corvallis, leased the Times for a year and returned with my family to Portland. I later sold the Times.

Mr. Irvine would rather be editor of the Journal than governor of Oregon. He proved it once when he headed off a spontaneous movement for his nomination that was sweeping the state.

"The things I see," he declared, "are the secret of my happiness. If, by touching a button, I could restore my sight, I would hesitate a minute or two while I took leave of the beautiful world I'm living in now. I am blind, but I see a side of life that many do not see.

"A kind word, a touch, a deed—every day some beautiful token of human kindness comes to me. There is so much more goodness and kindness and fairness in the world than most people realize.

"People are kind to me. When I speak in public they applaud out of all proportion to my merits as a speaker—and I know why: They see a man who has been through difficulties, and they applaud him for the struggle he has made.

"People would applaud each other as much as they do me if they only understood each other. You see, they can visualize from—(Continued on page 4.)