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THE WEST TO THE FORE

The experience of Frank Branch Riley in his lecture tour of eastern population centers, in an effort to impart accurate information, illustrated by actual photographs, of the west as it is has revealed to those in touch with this splendid work of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, the alarming fact that the people of the central and eastern parts of the United States as a mass know but little of the actual conditions that exist here.

This condition illustrates that there is a romance in the minds of the average easterner, connecting the west with Indians, bad horses, and bad men and as a result a great part of this eastern population would never consider the west as a fit place in which to live and rear a family.

A number of western men who have become national and even international figures have helped but little if any in dispelling the feeling.

Another condition, however, which may make use of the romance in the popular mind in this connection, is the ever increasing advertising campaign that is being conducted by some of the large institutions and industries in the west.

Oregon leads in variety in these advertisements the Loranberry juice industry, the apple juice manufacturers, the dehydrated fruit manufacturers, the various woolen mill interests at Oregon City and at Pendleton, the father of the drag saw industry which is an Oregon institution, and others, not to forget the ship building and lumber industries, threaten just now to create a flood of immigration and popularization of the west and Oregon such as has never been dreamed of by the most optimistic.

Just what the result will ultimately be cannot be foreseen but it seems that without question, the next decade will add large numbers to the population of the state and large amounts to our tax rolls.

The vast area in which Prineville has long been the dominant center is

in need of these two things. People and funds for financing them.

That the advertising campaigns will bring the west, this part of the west, to the front seems sure, and the result will of course be good.

BEND vs. THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

We have the interesting spectacle of a group of Bend business men and others attempting to tell the State Highway Commission just what they can and cannot do.

In a recent news dispatch to a Portland paper from the mill city we read "Every business man and farmer in Central Oregon is up in arms regarding the commission . . ."

The State Highway Commission already knows well and will keep in mind that the above is far from the facts.

Every loyal resident of this part of the state wishes to see the Dalles-California Highway constructed, the people of Prineville included, and nothing would please us more than to see it building down the railway right-of-way as mentioned in the Journal of last week, but Bend need not assume that the entire Central part of the state wishes to stand with her in the dictatorial attitude she has assumed regarding the commission. No siree!

The commission has its troubles, is awake to the needs of this part of the state and will get to them as rapidly as possible, and no such drive as initiated by Bend will help the situation a particle. Will only muddy the water in fact.

Of course, a review of the facts leading to this state of affairs, including an attempted corraling of all highways for Bend to the exclusion of all other parts of the interior, and other like matters would explain how the spoiled child arrived at this confused state of mind, but that would be useless at this time.

We believe that this highway could and should be under construction before this, but the fault, and there is a fault, lies not with the commission, but is due to some extent to that "snatch and run" attitude too common to our neighbors to the immediate west.

WILL HELP TAXATION SOME

The passing of Powell Butte lands to patent, which will be done in a few weeks at the most, will make the tax burden lighter and the amount for each individual to pay less than at present.

These lands have long been improved to the point where they should have been carrying their share of the load for the county expenses, but patent has been delayed until the government was satisfied as to the water supply and other details concerning their irrigation.

The value is about half a million dollars, estimated, and this will make something near a ten per cent decrease in other taxes for the limitation specifies that the gross amount collected each year shall not exceed 5 per cent more than the year previous.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County.

In the Matter of Neal A. Thomas, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the Estate of Neal A. Thomas, deceased, to all creditors of said Deceased, and to all persons having claims against said Estate, to present the same with proper vouchers as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of M. R. Elliott, in the city of Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this Notice.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1919. NEAL A. TILDAL, J. A. WILCOX, Administrator of the Estate of Neal A. Thomas, Deceased.

Join The American Red Cross. All you need is a heart and a dollar.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE MENTIONED IN BIBLE

"I commend unto you Phoebe, our sister, who is a servant of the Church which is at Cenchrea," wrote St. Paul to the Romans, "that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you, for she hath been a succorer of many and of myself also."

Phoebe, explains Biblical history, was a woman who went about nursing the sick and teaching them better methods of living. Phoebe was the first public health nurse.

Public health nursing, which is one of the most important enterprises in the peace program of the American Red Cross, is not a new movement, but it is one which heretofore has never received its just meed of attention as a factor in maintaining the health of the nation.

Phoebe's sister in the twentieth century is the community nurse who teaches better, cleaner living. Because the betterment of public health is now definitely accepted as an individual and a community responsibility, the Red Cross will make a definite effort to raise the standards of living in the United States by urging the employment of public health nurses in all cities, towns and rural districts, particularly in those where there are no organized public health activities. A healthier, happier America—that is what the Red Cross is striving toward in its Roll Call the first weeks in November.

WHOLE WORLD EMULATES AMERICAN RED CROSS

With the Red Cross societies of twenty-six nations co-operating as members, the League of Red Cross Societies is now actively engaged in extending Red Cross efforts throughout the world, says a cablegram to the American Red Cross from Sir David Henderson, director-general of the league.

The membership roster now includes, the cable said, the Red Cross of the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United States and Venezuela.

MOTHERS MUST NOT DIE, SAYS THE RED CROSS

Sixteen thousand mothers die in childbirth every year in the United States of America, more than are thus sacrificed in any other country of importance in the civilized world. The American Red Cross has announced its belief that these mothers, the very flower of the womanhood of America and heroines every one, shall no longer die through ignorance or neglect, if the public health nursing resources of the country can possibly be extended to give them the necessary care. This is one of the reasons for the Third Red Cross Roll Call which begins Sunday, November 2.

MERCY WOMEN PRODUCE FORTUNE IN GARMENTS

More than 8,000,000 women and girls participated in the sewing and knitting of the American Red Cross during the war. Most of these workers will be active in soliciting members for the Red Cross for 1920, during the ten days ending Armistice Day. When it is remembered that these women and girls in two years' time produced nearly \$100,000,000 worth of surgical articles and garments, including more than 375,000,000 surgical dressings, the fact that they are to assist in the Roll Call is a practical assurance that universal membership will be achieved.

THIRD RED CROSS ROLL CALL. November 2 to 11, 1919. Time to Re-Join.

PUBLIC ROADS

EQUIPMENT FOR ROAD WORK

Tractors, Rollers, Concrete Mixers and Other Implements to Be Returned From France.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

At the request of the department of agriculture, the war department has ordered to be returned from France as soon as possible a large quantity of engineering equipment to be distributed by the department of agriculture, through the bureau of public roads, to the states for use in the construction and maintenance of federal aid highways. The equipment will be distributed to the states without charge, in accordance with recent legislation empowering the secretary of war to turn over to the secretary of agriculture surplus military equipment not needed for military purposes but valuable in highway construction work. The equipment will be apportioned on the basis of the allotments in the federal aid road act, in the same way that 20,000 army motortrucks are now being distributed by the bureau of public roads at the request of the state highway department.

The equipment which the secretary of war has been requested to return from France includes about 1,500 caterpillar tractors; about 400 road rollers, steam and gas driven; and a large number of concrete mixers, road graders, elevating graders, rock crushers, industrial locomotives, industrial railway truck, dump cars, steam shovels, hoisting engines, electric motors, and quantities of smaller equipment.

In his letter requesting the return of this equipment the secretary of agriculture said:

"The highway construction program which the federal government and the states propose to begin immediately is the largest public undertaking contemplated in the near future. It offers an immediate field for the employment of labor and the use of materials that will help to stabilize business along a number of lines. The work has been expanded so suddenly that it has not been possible to make adequate provision for furnishing the necessary equipment, and previously all the available supply was absorbed



Traction Engines and Trains.

by the demands of the war department.

"I am sending you this list as a result of a conference which I have just held with the executive of the American Association of State Highway Officials, at which it was represented that the various states are very anxious to secure additional equipment of the kind indicated.

"I am thoroughly in sympathy with the efforts that are being made by the war department to aid returning soldiers in securing employment, and I am convinced that, if the equipment and supplies listed are made available, it will facilitate highway construction and thereby stimulate the employment of labor."

GOOD ROADS HELP SCHOOLS

Before Improvement Average Attendance Was 66 in Eight Counties—76 Afterwards.

A survey made by the government of the effects of good road building on school attendance in eight counties shows that before the roads were improved the average school attendance was 66, with 76 after the roads were improved.

Autos Hurry Development. The advent of the automobile in the country districts was the quickener that put the spark of life in the good roads movement.

Good Roads Demanded. Good roads are demanded as an essential to the proper extension of national and local development.

"Big Stick" That Produces. A live road club in a community is the "big stick" that produces good roads.

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Being one of a series of display editorials, the purpose of which is to create a better understanding between the local merchants and the consumers.

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