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PORTLAND GOSSIP

Portland, Ore., Tuesday, April 26, (Special)—The Oregon State Automobile Association and the Portland Automobile Club are doing a great work for good roads. H. R. Glenn, in charge of the "Pathfinder Car," (owned jointly by the state association and the city club) in company with Engineer E. Frank, is going to make a tour of all the principal roads in eastern Oregon. These gentlemen will be in The Dalles on Tuesday and will map out their trip from there with the idea of compiling an accurate road map. Reliable road information in this state is very scarce, and with a good map available tourists' automobiles from all parts of the United States will be almost as plentiful on the country roads as in the towns and cities today. This new map will show distance between towns, grades, every turn in the road and odometer readings.

The Gold Hill Commercial Club is the latest child to seek adoption in the great family of the Oregon Development League.

Last Saturday fifty-seven eastern hotel men and women were guests of the fraternity in Portland. A luncheon at the Commercial Club was a feature of their entertainment.

State interests will be splendidly represented on the Portland Business Men's excursion now in southern and western Oregon. Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association, is one of the party.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians who are to hold their annual convention in Portland July 19th to 24th of this year say no meeting ever excited such advance interest. Late advices say Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, will send twenty-five delegates, while from the middle west special cars and even special trains are being planned right now.

Oregon is given first place in the leading article of May "Gardening." As the magazine expresses it, "A corner of the American continent which is ideal for all kinds of roses, and where they excel in beauty anything seen in the old world." The author of the beautifully illustrated story is Frederick V. Holman, widely known as a rosarian. Several other eastern magazines have planned to send staff photographers to the coast this summer during the height of the rose season to get pictures of the rose festival.

NORTHWEST NOTES

Seattle, April 24—Shippers and jobbers, in fact everyone having business with the railroads in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, is highly apprehensive at the danger of the passage of an amendment to the interstate commerce act, known as the Dixon amendment, which proposes to place all railroad rates on a strictly mileage basis, and eliminate the lower rates now allowed to sea ports, by reason of water competition. Inland cities are not altogether in favor of the amendment, for it will practically mean that no one city can become a great jobbing center, but that small jobbing points will spring up at frequent intervals along all railroad lines. Although the Spokane agitation has been in favor of getting terminal rates for that city, Spokane is not anxious to abolish terminal rates altogether. As it stands today, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, with terminal rates allowed by water competition have a slight advantage on Spokane. With no terminal rates at all, all of the large cities would lose their advantages as jobbing points.

Insurance matters in the state of Washington will be brought to a head before the next legislature, when the insurance code committee, appointed by Governor Hay, reports its proposed new code of laws to govern all insurance companies. It is almost a certainty that the mutual companies and the old line companies, in the fire insurance business, will get into a good hot conflict before the legislature. The public is only hoping that the outcome will be of advantage to the insured, and that lower rates will result.

The shipping men and jobbers are saying, "Let the interstate commerce act alone." They believe that while conditions are not perhaps perfect, the railroads have been good to the Northwest as a whole, and that settled conditions are much better than continual changes in railroad legislation. So far as the Northwest is concerned, the businessmen would be

pleased if congress would let up on railroad legislation. Our own state railway commissioners are capable of looking after the interests of their states, as witnessed when the Washington commission lowered all grain rates last November without a protest from the railroads.

Both men and women in the Western states, especially those where equal suffrage is the rule, are indignant at the statement of President Taft in a recent speech wherein he declared that he was opposed to women voting, because where they were allowed to do so, it was the undesirable element which did most of the voting. To prove that this is untrue, figures have been circulated showing that at the last election in Denver, where 30,000 women voted, not more than 400 of that number could have been connected with the evil element. In fact, the president himself, at Flagler, Colorado, last fall, congratulated the women of Colorado on their right to vote, and declared that if men would vote as the women do, they would seldom be far wrong. The new attitude of the president on the suffrage question has been considered almost an insult to the women in suffrage states, where women's right to the ballot has proven a successful system.

O. A. C. Notes

A joint committee of students and faculty members will investigate the problem of the high cost of living for the students at the Oregon Agricultural College with the purpose of making recommendations tending to the improvement of conditions.

The Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team won the inter-collegiate championship again this year.

Civil Service Examination

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the post office in this city on May 14, 1910. Age limits 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. Unmarried women will be admitted to the examination, but are eligible for appointment as clerk only.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

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Want Ross Pardoned

Petitions are being passed in Portland and other parts of the state, asking Governor Benson to pardon J. Thorburn Ross, who was convicted of appropriating state school funds while president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Company and who is now serving a five year sentence in the state penitentiary. The friends of Ross claim that he is not guilty of the charges and never did a dishonest act in his life. The petitions are being freely signed, so the Portland papers claim, and it is very likely the "injured" banker will receive his pardon.

Moving Picture of Rogue River

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Coos Bay has a motor boat club of nearly 100 members.

Francisco, where the films will be developed and moving picture reels made up ready to be placed on their rounds of 25,000 picture houses in the United States, where over 20,000,000 people will view them. Before leaving Mr. Reamers stated that the weather conditions had been splendid and that he was certain he had secured exceptionally fine pictures.—Ashland Record.

Compulsory Wireless Bill

Senator Bourne has introduced a bill to compel ocean going vessels carrying fifty or more passengers to

offering stock for sale on account of this anticipated demand for business in their line. Of course the public would like to see all vessels equipped with wireless, Senator Bourne would no doubt like to see his bill become a law, and the wireless people would also like to sell the stock.

Many Big Revivals in the State

Rev. Dan Shannon is not the only evangelist who is doing things in Oregon. At Salem a five weeks' service has just ended with 1250 conversions. Evangelist Taylor and wife conducted the meetings.

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