

PACIFIC HIGHWAY MAY SHIFT EAST

Association Officers Censure Indifference Shown in Western Oregon.

ROAD'S IMPORTANCE URGED

J. T. Ronald, of Seattle, President of Organization, Says Residents West of Cascades Do Not Realize Its Value.

Intimations were made yesterday by officers of the Pacific Highway Association that the standard public road between the state lines of Washington and California will be removed to Eastern Oregon unless the residents of Western Oregon change their attitude of indifference toward the program of the good roads association.

The Pacific highway booster luncheon and rally which was held at the Oregon Grill was attended by a representative delegation of good roads authorities from many points in the Northwest. Following the grill gathering, the executive committee of the Pacific Highway Association went into executive session, while the balance of the party adjourned to the offices of the Home Telephone Company, where Samuel Hill, the great highway authority, delivered an illustrated lecture upon the science of good road building, particularly as it will ultimately serve the State of Oregon.

Cost Residents Censured.
The keynote speech at the banquet meeting was made by Judge J. T. Ronald, of Seattle, president of the Pacific Highway Association. He strongly censured the people of Western Oregon for the apathy they had shown toward the Pacific highway movement, and intimated that unless they awakened soon from their apparent lethargy that the standard coastwise highway might be transferred to run through Eastern Oregon, where, he said, a more sympathetic public spirit prevails.

"The people on the western side of the mountains in Oregon have not shown sufficient interest in our highway projects and do not seem to appreciate the tremendous asset that a Pacific highway course means to them," declared President Ronald. "Every road and engineering journal in the world has exploited this Western country and advertised it to the value of millions of dollars, by reason of the fact that the Pacific highway is wanted."

"In contrast to this spirit I must say that the interest shown today by the citizens of Eastern Oregon in the proposed highway through the central part of the state to the California line exceeds all the interest I have seen in Western Oregon in two years. I am not prepared to say whether or not the route is to be removed to Eastern Oregon. That depends entirely upon future developments. I do not speak so unfavorably of Western Oregon in a spirit of anger, but in one of sorrow."

Eastern Oregon Men Attend.
Many of the men present at the meeting were from The Dalles, Hood River, Mosier and other Eastern Oregon points who had come to Portland to confer with the authorities of the highway association and to cooperate with them in their campaign for improved roads. The hopeful plans of all parties to the proceedings yesterday centered upon construction of a first-class highway from Portland to The Dalles and south to the California boundary in a line cutting the state theoretically into half.

In the opinion of the expert, this road would be the cheapest and best that could be planned as the Oregon strip of the highway, in the words of Judge Ronald, "will extend from Hazelton, Alaska, to Mexico, by the time of the 1913 exposition at San Francisco. The chartered road now embraces 1853 miles.

"By the way, our signposts, a motorist now can travel from Vancouver, B. C. to Redding, Cal., without asking a single question as to his bearings," added Mr. Ronald. "And here are some people in Oregon who have been guilty of maliciously tearing down these guides. Why, do you know, in the State of Washington you couldn't remove those signs without bloodshed? Once we were offered \$1500 by a rival route if we would transplant ten miles of road to their district."

"All along the route of the highway in Washington the value of property has advanced considerably. British Columbia, with only 400,000 people, has been spending on the average of \$5,000,000 a year on road improvement.

Hill Is Praised.
"I can't see why the citizens of Western Oregon don't capitalize their best assets—climate and scenery. I used to think that Sam Hill, in preaching good roads years ago, was passing out the shallowest kind of rot. But now I am absolutely honest in saying that I believe Sam Hill to be one of the greatest agents and factors for progress that this Northwest country has ever had."

F. V. Holman, of Portland, one of the other speakers, told how his grandfather, in 1842, in coming across the plains, had been forced to stop wagon travel at The Dalles because of the road barriers.

"Practically the same condition exists today as regards a passable road between The Dalles and Portland," he continued. "A good highway is needed to establish a practical social and business relationship."

Julius Meier, of Portland; W. F. King, of Prineville; E. H. Overman, of Shaniko; E. Henry Wempe, of Portland; Peter Kuehling, of Hood River; W. L. Clark, of Hood River; J. N. Teal, of Portland; M. R. Matthews, of The Dalles, and W. E. King, of Hood River, also responded to the call of the toastmaster, Samuel Hill, and delivered spirited talks upon the theme of highway betterment.

association property and if the feeling of the executive members is to be taken as a criterion this reward will be increased, and the prosecution of the offenders will be pressed more vigorously than ever.

Contrast Is Pointed Out.
"The defacement of these signs by offenders along the route of the highway is incomprehensible to us," remarked one member of the executive committee. "The people in British Columbia, California and Washington take a just pride in these little white friends and properly so, because the great number of persons who travel along the accepted highway are good spenders of good money, who do a lot to benefit every community in the way of expenditures and advertisement. These are certain folk in Oregon who must overcome their false impression that this Pacific highway is merely a scenic highway for automatic automobilists. It is a practical proposition and its presence means a great deal to the prosperity of any community."

H. L. Bowley, highway commissioner for the State of Washington, was elected by the committee to serve as the active executive officer of the association for one year. It will be his duty to pass on and down the entire length of the highway, maintaining the sign devices, stimulating enthusiasm in the general movement and urging upon the local booster organizations along

WOMEN IN FLIGHT

Oaks Crowds See Perilous Trips in Air Craft.

OVATION GIVEN PASSENGER

In Spite of Gusty Weather, Christofferson Guides Machine With Ease and Will Repeat His Performance Today.

Two Portland women, Mrs. Edna Becker and Mrs. R. F. Cox, were the recipients yesterday afternoon at the Oaks Amusement Park of a tremendous and unusual ovation immediately following their respective flights in his

TWO WOMEN WHO TRAVELED IN AIR WITH SILAS G. CHRISTOFFERSON AT OAKS AMUSEMENT PARK.



MRS. R. F. COX (WEARING AVIATION PADDED HELMET) AND MRS. EDNA BECKER, STANDING BY HYDRO-AEROPLANE IN WHICH THEY MADE ASCENT.

the route the necessity and expediency of furthering the broad program. Mr. Bowley is a former West Point man and was for a time professor of mathematics at the University of Washington.

Dues Are Fixed.
A resolution was passed fixing the yearly membership dues of the association at \$5 and over and urging a strenuous campaign for new members. The association is financed for the most part by the voluntary subscriptions of members and by the aid of local automobile bodies. Each state along the highway has a senior vice-president and an county within the central part of the state is to be removed to Eastern Oregon. That depends entirely upon future developments. I do not speak so unfavorably of Western Oregon in a spirit of anger, but in one of sorrow."

The illustrated road lecture given by Samuel Hill was greatly appreciated by the delegations from Eastern Oregon. Mr. Hill showed with many natural color slides that the scenery of Oregon, especially that along the Columbia River and mountain ranges, cannot be matched for its beauty anywhere in the world.

NEW PASTOR IN CHARGE
Rev. F. W. Gorman preaches at Memorial Church. Cleansing of Portland Commented On and Scars of Battle Are Held to Be Desirable.

Rev. Frank W. Gorman, new pastor of Atkinson Memorial Congregational Church, East Twenty-ninth and East Davis streets, preached his first sermons in that church yesterday. At the morning services, Mr. Gorman said that he had the right in demand, as he entered on the work here in Portland, the support and co-operation of every Christian in the community. In the sermon that followed, he preached a gospel of service, and declared that a man or woman should show scars in the cause. He said that Thomas, who had been executed as a doubter, was absolutely right in demanding proof of the gospel.

METHODISTS WILL CONFER
Church Officials and Missionary Society Convene Thursday.

LOW RATE TO STATE FAIR
Via Oregon Electric, for Shriners, Woodmen and Everybody.

Auto Service Runs to Riffe.
CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—C. A. McMillan, operating an auto stage between Chehalis and Riffe, will be doing a freight service about September 15. The freight service will be a great accommodation to eastern Lewis County farmers shipping into Chehalis and outside points.

hydro-aeroplane with Silas G. Christofferson, the now-noted aviator.

Despite gusty weather and conditions that were declared by both Christofferson and his friends to be absolutely dangerous, both ascents were made without any hitch, although in the case of Mrs. Becker the birdman had to rise to a height of something like 1250 feet to make a turn at the head of Ross Island, while with Mrs. Cox the machine was hung before the breeze again. Oswego was passed, when the bend in the river at that point enabled the turn to be made.

Passenger Is to Be Taken.
No less interesting does the programme promise to be today, when Christofferson will probably have another woman passenger. The young woman will fly, if the weather in any way permits, at 3 P. M. while, if the wind is unusually high, the trip may be postponed until 5 P. M. Christofferson will make his final flight at 7 P. M., but whether or not a passenger is with him, he will make each flight on time.

Despite the absolutely unfavorable weather conditions, the crowd at the Oaks was almost as large as that of Sunday. Acrea of human creatures, packed like sardines, crowded, pushed and struggled along the half-mile stretch of boardwalk.

It was promptly at 3 o'clock that the expectations of the crowd were realized by Mrs. Cox traveling aloft, and at 5 o'clock Mrs. Becker making her flight. A sea of eyes seemed to extend for an indescribable distance, and while the machine was in the air the crowd was hushed as if taking breath. But the moment each flight was ended there was a gasp. This broke forth that marvelous, indescribable exulting noise, the cheer of greeting from the gigantic throat of a united crowd. It shook the air, and rose again and again until the supports of pavilion, tavern and boardwalk quivered from its reverberation.

Ovation Is Extraordinary.
It was an ovation such as neither the women nor Christofferson had ever experienced, and it seemed to be spontaneous.

Everyone seemed to realize that both women had achieved a Portland record, and most of the spectators had seen the machine apparently fighting in the gale that was blowing, during the earlier part of the afternoon, had a full realization of the real peril the women had been in.

Christofferson's flight at 7 o'clock was alone, and was marked by a number of the "stunts" of the aviator. The crowd was happy around the Hawaiian, whose orchestra and singers will be a feature of the park every day this week, and applauded Mrs. Philip Fox's songs and Philip Fox's cornet solo. It was a merry-go-round, enthusiastic crowd, and one that took advantage of every moment of sunshine the park afforded.

Arrangements are being made by the street-cleaning company to hand and disperse the large crowd for each of the flights today.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN

Increased Facilities Needed for Educational Use.

TEACHING STAFF TO GROW

Number of Children 10 Per Cent Greater Than Last Year and Portable Buildings Will Be Used Temporarily.

When the public schools open for the Fall and Winter semester September 16 it is expected the attendance will be about 10 per cent greater than was recorded during last year. To meet the increase the School Board will begin the work Tuesday of erecting a number of portable buildings which will be used until permanent facilities can be erected or secured in various parts of the city. Efforts will be made to provide plenty of room.

School Clerk Thomas and other school officials have just completed an investigation of conditions and have arranged for the erection of portable buildings in all districts, where the present school facilities are not considered sufficient. In all there will be about 20 portable buildings put into use. The majority of these will be used only until permanent buildings and additions which are now under way are completed.

Two portables will be erected near the site of the Fulton Park school which burned down about two months ago. These will be used until a new building is erected. Two portables will be erected on Capitol Hill to increase the facilities there. The growth of the school population in this section has been particularly strong.

New Community Cared For.
One portable building will be erected on the Hoffman Tract at East Seventy-second street and Powell Valley road. This is a new site and the building will be for the purpose of accommodating a community which has sprung up within the last year and a half. Another portable will be raised at the Couch school, making a total of three on that site.

Because of the removal of several school departments from the school of trade in the Atkinson school building, the trade school portables used last year will be taken down and the entire school given space in the building. Several departments formerly in the Atkinson building will be moved into the old Lincoln High School building which has been named the Lowndale school. No portables will be used at either the trade school or the Lowndale school during the coming year.

One of the schools which will be overcrowded will be the Falling in South Portland. Five portables will be erected on the grounds. These will be used until the new permanent building is under construction of the present building is finished.

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University; J. D. Brown, president of the Shingle Weavers' International Union; Will H. Daly, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, and J. L. Ledwith.

There will be dancing in the pavilion all day and valuable prizes will be awarded. One of the best prizes will be given to the man or woman wearing the greatest number of union labels.

Special exercises will be conducted by the North Portland Commercial Club in Peninsula Park this afternoon. Athletic events, a baseball game and music by the North Portland band will form the programme.

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UNIONS GIVE BIG PICNIC

Barbecue by Meatcutters to Be Held at 2 P. M.—Sports of All Kinds and Dancing Promised.

Labor day will be observed by organized labor of Portland with an all-day picnic at Crystal Lake Park, near Milwaukie, Clackamas County. It will be a real picnic, including all of the extra frills that could be asked by the never-missed-a-picnic participant. There will be sports of all kinds for the old and the young, the fat and the lean, the tall and the short—in fact everybody will be eligible to take part in some feature of the day's programme with the exception of the grouch who will be summarily ejected from the grounds.

At the noon hour the members of the meat cutters' union will be hosts at an old-fashioned barbecue and provision has been made to feed a large and happy but hungry throng. Beginning at 2 P. M. a programme of speech-making will be held.

Governor West is expected to be in attendance and give one of the principal addresses. The other speakers will be Father McGinn, of Columbia

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