DAIRIES THRIVE IN COUNTIES OF COAST

Addison Bennett Deplores Condition of Coos and Curry Highways at Present.

PROSPERITY SEEN ON TRIP

Reports Are That Cow Holdings Increase Materially and Co-operative and Individual Cheese Plants Are Flourishing.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

BANDON, Coos County, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—I left Wedderburn at 6:30. It looked like rain; indeed it was sprinkling a mite when the stage pulled out of the Rogue River Valley and struck the bench lands, but within a few minutes the droppings ceased and we had fair weather all day. The first place of importance we passed was the celebrated Wedderburn Agate Beach.

For several miles the road leads through an open country and winds along not far from the waterfront. County Judge Wood, of Curry, was a passenger with me and he was a close observer of every foot of the highway. He told me of the troubles of the county with the road problem. There are about 150 miles of roads and the same number of miles of trails in the county to maintain and the tax levy only produces $20,000. The tax roll is a trifle over $4,000,000. The forest reserve contains about half of the timber, from which the county gets $2000 a year for road purposes. If these lands were in private ownership the tax rate could be reduced and the county could get enough to keep the roads in fair condition and also build new ones as required.

Reclamation Goes Along.

We passed many new patches of slashing, clearing and breaking, also much new fencing and occasionally a new house or an old one built over—sometimes one newly painted. At Euchre Creek, 10 miles from Wedderburn, we came to a new creamery; six miles further on we arrived at Corbin, the noon eating station. The new owner, being from Arizona, calls his little hotel the Arizona Inn. The former owners of the place were paid $15,000 cash for land, buildings, stock, furniture—everything as it stood save the clothing of the family.

From Euchre Creek to Port Orford the distance is 16 miles. Let me say right here that there is no trouble in getting along by auto from Crescent City to Bandon.

This coast road is a tough proposition for the counties of Curry and Coos to handle, for Curry particularly. If the next Legislature would help Curry out to the extent of an appropriation of $20,000 or $25,000 there would be no great objection from those who understand the situation. The state originally gave $14,000 to build the road and the county officials did the best they could with that and what the taxes brought in.

Town's Growth Slow.

The town is growing slowly. The country around it is doing fine. Louie Knapp says the dairy cows in the vicinity have doubled during the last 18 months. The sawmill is running regularly, mostly on Port Orford cedar. It may not be generally known that all of the white or Port Orford cedar in the world was grown near Port Orford; it may not be known that for many purposes it is the finest and handsomest wood in the world.

Less than five miles to Elk Creek, and here is a new creamery and many fine farms near to feed it; then five or six miles to Sixes River; two creameries up Sixes, and more splendid farms. Of course, for every cleared acre we are passing 100, perhaps 500 or 1000, of land in brush or timber. In almost every opening something has been done toward reclamation. We pass new fences, new slashings and fields lately plowed for the first time. We see no "for sale" signs. I have seen but one on a farm fence since we left the state line. Many of the farmers will sell out. You can find no better land bargains anywhere than in Curry, but don't think for an instant the farmers are running after buyers or running away from their land. The abandoned farms in Curry are mighty, mighty scarce.

Cheese Factories Thrive.

At Denmark, six miles north of Sixes River, there is a postoffice, store and three or four dwellings. There has been a farmers' co-operative cheese factory here for several years; its capacity has been doubled within the last year. The merchant and postmaster, J. S. Capps, says things are moving in fine shape, getting better every day; more and more cows coming in. Mr. Capps milks a large number of cows. He has a splendid new dwelling and a large modern barn, only a couple of years old.

A couple of miles up we cross Flora's Creek. Then we passed the gate at the entrance to the Star ranch. Dr. J. R. Weatherby was absent, so I did not stop. The doctor bought this ranch about a year ago. He is now milking 150 cows and will have 30 more fresh within two or three weeks. There is a well equipped cheese factory on the place, where he works up all of his milk. The Star is one of the greatest ranches of the West.

Langlois Is Growing.

A couple of miles and we come to Langlois, usually called Dairyville. It was the most populous place in the county until Brookings passed it. There is a large and prosperous co-operative cheese factory here and more than one of the large dairymen has a factory of his own. Langlois looks as if it had doubled since I was here in the Fall of 1912. There are new dwellings and business houses on every hand. It is one of the best business places for a small town on the coast.

At Langlois I quit the stage, which had brought me from Port Orford, and came to Bandon by auto. We made the 16 miles in a little over an hour. We overtook and passed over 30 large loads of railroad ties, four loads of telephone poles, four or five wagons and buggies, the mail stage and one load of lumber; we met five big loads of freight, three of them with four horses, three or four wagons and buggies and five returning tie and post teams.

The Curry and Coos line is about five miles north of Langlois, so the most of these teams were met or overtaken in Coos County.

Nearly all of the way form Port Orford we were either right on or close to the Willamette-Pacific survey. The building along this part of the way will not be difficult, at least so it looks to a layman. Between Port Orford and Wedderburn I passed along the stakes, in some places for quite long distances. That portion, particularly just below Port Orford, will be more difficult.

As a general thing, when a girl is beautiful her sweetheart thinks it would be very easy to make a living for her.

SCENES AT BANDON FOLLOWING RECENT $300,000 FIRE.

Above—Hartman Building, Western Limit of Blaze, Which Was Checked by the Concrete Walls; Middle—View Looking East on Main Street, Two and One-Half Blocks of Burned Area in Sight; Below—First National Bank, Which Checked Flames to Eastward.

VON KLEIN LOSES

Supreme Court Affirms Conviction of Bigamist.

PRISON TERM IS PENALTY

Man Who Married Ethel Newcomb and Left With Her Jewels, Accused of Other Swindles With Women His Victims

SALEM, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Ramsey, today affirmed the conviction of E. E. C. Von Klein on a charge of polygamy. He must now serve the sentence of from one to four years in the state penitentiary given in the Multnomah County Circuit Court.

The indictment alleged that Von Klein, alias George B. Lewis, while the husband of Louise Illstrup Von Klein, contracted a polygamous marriage with Ethel Newcomb, October 12, 1911, in Portland. The defendant was found guilty December 23 last.

RACE MANAGER FREED

E. C. JOHNSON NOW WILL SUE G. N. SMITH FOR FALSE ARREST.

Charge of Larceny Is Not Proved Before Municipal Judge—Promoter's Proffer of Entrance Money Not Denied.

A charge of larceny by bailee, made against E. C. Johnson, of the Northwest Automobile Association, was dismissed by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday morning when Mr. Johnson came up for trial. G. N. Smith, of the Pacific Tire & Supply Company, who was an entrant in the elimination automobile race in the first day of last week's races, and who won a third prize, had charged Mr. Johnson with withholding $300, which he declared due him as forfeit and purse money.

Mr. Johnson explained to the judge that the $50 forfeit money and about $30 in purse money was all that was ue Mr. Smith, and that the forfeit money had been offered him, but that the purse money, based on the day's gate receipts, after deducting all expenses, could not be paid until all bills were paid and the net receipts computed.

Mr. Smith swore to a warrant before Deputy District Attorney Deich, alleging that Mr. Johnson had kept $300 from him, all of which was due him, and which he had demanded. Mr. Johnson testified, and was not refuted, that he had offered Mr. Smith his forfeit money and would give him his purse money when the final figures were checked. He had a check for $50 payable to Mr. Smith in his pocket when Detective Hammersley arrested him Monday night. This was the returned entrance money.

"I will sue Mr. Smith for false arrest," said Mr. Johnson yesterday. "He caused me to be arrested when he knew that he had nothing like the sum named in the warrant. I may prosecute him for perjury, also, because, to obtain the warrant, he must have sworn that I owed him $300, which I did not owe him."

BOY SCOUTS TO MAKE ROAD

Forestry Service Will Employ Lads in Practical Work.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The United States Government, always desiring to educate the public on the subject of the proper use and protection of forests, has found a means to co-operate in a practical way with the Boy Scouts of America. Through arrangements made by the United States Forestry Service, 24 Boy Scouts—eight from Washington, eight from Baltimore and eight from Boston—are to build this coming Summer a ten-mile trail in a remote part of the White Mountain National Forest. The plans for this work and the unusual opportunity it provides for these boys to practice their Scoutcraft and learn something about forestry, and for the Government to make more intelligent and vital the interest of boys in practical conservation, are described by Forest Inspector K. W. Woodward, of the United States Forestry Service in an article which appears, with illustrations, in the June number of Boys' Life, the Boy Scouts' Magazine. Mr. Woodward says:

Twenty-four boy scouts, under the direction of three Scout masters, will build ten miles of trail for the United States Forest Service in the White Mountain National Forest this Summer. In return for this work the Boy Scouts will be paid at a rate equivalent to that which the Government would have to pay for the construction of this trail were the work done by the regular force.

The trail which the Boy Scouts will build is intended primarily as a means of protection against fire. However, it will also be useful in making the White Mountain National Forest more accessible to tourists and prospective timber purchasers, and parts of it may even be used later on in the logging of the timber through which it passes.

The boys will be working approximately ten miles from the nearest town, which is Gilead, Me. They will camp in the valley of Wild River, a tributary of the Androscoggan River, and will have two stretches of trail to build.

The first will be alongside of Wild River and the work will consist merely in the improvement of a rough trail, which needs to be put in condition so that horses can travel over it.

The second stretch of trail will be located in the timber, where no means of quick travel existed before.

The Boy Scouts will be expected to report at Gorham, N. H., as soon after June 18 as possible. Gorham is the headquarters of the White Mountain National Forest, and from there a train can be taken to Gilead, Me., whence the rest of the journey must be made either with a wagon or on foot. Last Summer the Forest Service constructed on the old railroad right of way running up Wild River a road which makes it possible to get about seven miles up into the woods from Gilead. However, this will not be far enough for the Boy Scout camp.

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LIBEL VERDICT STANDS

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS DECISION AGAINST EDITOR.

Silverton Man Who Published Pamphlet Alleging Girl Was Kidnaped, Must Pay $200 Fine.

SALEM, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—In an opinion written by uJstice McNary, the Supreme Court today affirmed the verdict of the Marion County Circuit Court that J. E. Hosmer, editor of the Silverton Journal, was guilty of criminally libelling the prioress of the Benedictine Convent, at Mt. Angel, in an article published several months ago. The opinion was concurred in by Chief Justice McBride and uJstices Bean and Eakin.

The article, which was in pamphlet form, alleged that Miss Mary Laseman had been kidnaped in Portland and taken a prisoner to the institution. According to the article she was alleged to have escaped while robed in the garb of the convent, and to have sought refuge at the home of the pastor of the Christian Church of Silverton. It was to him and four members of the congregation that she was alleged to have told the story.

The editor was convicted in Circuit Judge Kelly's Court and fined $200. In his appeal he alleged that he had not had a fair trial. He alleged the court had erred in declining to grant a continuance of the case when it was learned Miss Laseman could not appear as a witness at the trial.

One paragraph in today's desicion reards:

"The essence of the crime of libel is the publication of libelous language and does not necessarilly lie in the authorship of the article. Every repetition of a false and scandalous matter originated by a third person is a willful publication of it, rendering the person so repeating it amendable to the law. If he repeats the libelous words, he must be prepared t oprove them, or suffer the legal consequences."

GREETERS TO COME HERE

THIRTY WILL ARRIVE TONIGHT ON WAY TO HOMES IN EAST.

Delegates Who Attended National Meeting in Los Angeles to Be Extended Royal Greeting.

Some of the boys whose daily business it is to extend the glad hand of welcome are going to know how it feels to have it extended to them.

Thirty members of the National Greeters' Association, delegates to the recent National convention of that body, composed of hotel employes, at Los Angeles, will be met on their arrival here tonight by all the members of the Portland Greeters' Association who can leave their desks. They are returning to their homes in the East by way of Portland.

The visitors will be here until Friday night. They will be taken onn Seeing-Portland trips, will inspect the hotels and entertained in other ways.

Luncheon will be given at noon at the Automobile Club by the Oregon Hotel Men's Association, composed of hotel owners and managers. A banquet will be tendered the guests by the local greeters in the Crystal room of the Benson at 6:30 Friday night.

Kissing Is Not Thieving.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Twelve husky policemen retreated in embarrassment from 170 West 130th street the other night. A burglar revealed a young man stealing kisses, without any desperate resistance from the victim.

Loganberry Picking Season On.

BROOKS, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—Loganberry picking is on in full blast today. The yards are the scenes of great activity. Late arrivals are hastily pitching camp preparatory to entering the fields. One hundred crates were picked in the Aspinwall yard Saturday. The Salem Fruit Union, which obtains a supply here, plans to put up five barrels of juice daily throughout the season.

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