

ROAD QUER UP TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Commissioner's Right to Make Uncharted Roads State Highway Questioned.

GENERAL MAP AUTHORIZED

Submission to Legislature Is Intent—Road Tester and Bridge Engineer Named—Consultation on Changes Asked.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The State Highway Commission has authority to designate roads as state highways which are not marked on the official map prepared by ex-Senator Highway Engineer Dewey.

The question was precipitated by members of the Yamhill County Court, who advised the Commission that the highway leading from Yamhill County through Tillamook to the coast follows a steep grade over the mountains and that another route would be a more desirable one.

In the opinion of J. H. Albert, a member of the advisory board, the authority for changing officially designated state highways is with the Legislature and not the Commission.

The Commission authorized Engineer Lewis to prepare a general road map of the state in which a comprehensive system of highways would be shown. It is the intention to submit this map to the next Legislature.

C. B. Woodworth, of Portland, urged the Commission to provide for the survey of the Capital Highway from Portland to Salem. He said many wealthy Portland residents would contribute toward construction. A state bond issue for this highway, Woodworth desired, should be obtained.

Hereafter the Commission will leave the expending of county road funds with the respective county courts and will only attend to the expenditures of state road money.

Engineer Lewis was authorized to obtain the services of a disinterested engineer to estimate the cost of the Capital Highway. The Commission authorized the state highway department to prepare plans and specifications for the joint county bridge across the Willamette River.

Road-testing work in the future will be done by Professor Graf, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Joseph Weber, of Portland, will be employed as bridge engineer. Professor Graf will receive only the salary paid him by the college when he is employed on state work and his expenses. Engineer Weber will be paid \$125 a month.

The Commission advised Mr. Lewis in advance whatever engineer he desired and the department needed, with the reservation that when any important change was contemplated, he should consult with the Commission.

FLOOD CREST DUE TODAY

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and Burnside-street bridges, and interfered with navigation for a time. The steamer Sarah Dixon, Gamcoek, Coos Bay, and Henderson, with the tug Boatman, were in the neighborhood of the falls and timbers from the bridge were rapidly down stream and white water was seen into the Columbia River with the hope they were five feet. It is feared considerable timber will be lost should it be found that floating ice must be contend with. The falls are aggregated 1,400,000 feet of material.

Overturned Barge Beached. An overturned barge was carried through the harbor in the morning, and the steamer Falcon was used to prevent it colliding with other vessels and to guide it toward the beach, to remain until it can be righted.

Word came from Oregon City that the stage there at noon of 14 feet above zero, which covered the guard lock at Williams Falls with one and one-half feet of water, had brought about a shutdown of a sawmill operated at the plant of the Crown-Willamette Paper Company. Jack Chamberlain, lockmaster there for 25 years, informed Government officials that, judging from the conditions, he looked for at least another foot of water there before the crest of the flood passed.

It was said that as far south as the Umpqua the water was rising, and the same was true of other streams in that locality, so a flood was looked for in Crow Creek Canyon. W. B. Howell, of New York, United States appraiser, who was to have spent yesterday in Portland, omitted a meeting with shipper and hurried south, fearing that interruption of the railroad service through Crow Creek Canyon would cause him to miss the Fremont engagement.

Portland offices of steamboat lines were moved from all lower docks to upper levels yesterday. That work was started Monday as some docks, but a few held out until yesterday afternoon, hoping that the freshet would not attain the height predicted.

Flood Surrounds 30 Homes. Johnson Creek has overflowed its banks at Leita and covered several acres of the lowlands, in which there are about 30 homes. The road extending to the Mount Scott Park Cemetery was partly covered with water yesterday, but was not damaged. The water extends several feet eastward from the junction and has flooded several houses, causing the occupants great inconvenience. The water has covered the Foster road east of the junction and extended over the lowlands in that direction along the track of the Green-on and Etanaka lines, but has caused no material damage.

The creek has overflowed its banks at several places between Leita and Belmont, and in Whitna and some of the falls, causing inconvenience and some damage.

SLIDE DEMOLISHES HOUSES. Occupants of 3 West Seattle Homes Slightly Injured. SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—The Spring thaw began in the mountains today. The temperature rose to 46 at noon, in the passes through the Coast Range, although the Cascade and rain was intermittent. Railroad men are more hopeful today than in many weeks. The snow along the lines, although unbroken in quantity, is well-packed and not inclined to slide.

The Northern Pacific and Milwaukee are running trains through the mountains and the Great Northern, which has temporarily abandoned its mountain division, expects no great number of slides. The mountain streams have

begun to rise, but there have been no washouts. In the low country the snow is three-fourths gone and there has been no flood damage of financial importance anywhere.

The side of a 150-foot bluff in West Seattle slid toward the sea beach today and in its descent partly demolished six houses on Alki Avenue, near the beach. Five of the houses were occupied and some of the inhabitants were slightly injured. Dwellers in other houses along the bluff have been ordered to vacate the buildings.

GRAND RONDE DANGER LESS

Thaw Is Moderate and River Rises, but Trains Are Running.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—While the Grand Ronde River is rising and will undoubtedly overflow its banks and do some damage, the thaw in this county and in the Blue Mountain presages less grief than was anticipated.

Nights remain cool, and while it thaws in the day time the thaw is slow. To all appearances the great bulk of snow will be gotten off with reasonable high water, and the fear of disastrous floods is materially reduced. For the first time in eight days Wallawa County is in touch with the outside world. A train returned from Joseph at daybreak this morning, having been preceded into the sternbound district by a snow plow. Mail line trains run regularly and branch trains today are on time. A score of traveling men were imprisoned in Wallawa County the entire time.

Umatilla Is Slowly Rising. Pendleton Reports Rains May Mean High Water. PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—With rain forecast for Pendleton tonight and tomorrow, and with a ton tonight and the day after, there is a possibility the snow may be taken off by the rain, with consequent high water. The Umatilla River at this morning, but the stream is slower than it was at noon yesterday.

The higher straits in the business section of the city are being flooded by a heavy pressure of water from the city hydrants. A report from up in the mountains is that in one small stream a dam of snow 40 feet high was blocking the stream and moving at a rate of a few feet a day as the snow melted.

BAKER REPORTS RIVER RISING

Spring Rain Is Melting Snow and Traffic Conditions Improve. BAKER, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A real spring rain this afternoon, with predictions of more rain tonight and tomorrow, are causing flood apprehensions. There is still much snow left in the mountains, although the city covering is disappearing, and the river has risen six inches in the last 24 hours. Conditions are improving, but the Sumpter Valley Railroad late today had not succeeded in reaching Frairie City, without railway service nine days. Rain has made snow shoveling almost impossible.

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The attack was made in broad daylight. At 2:50 the school was being approached the Kent coast, and a few minutes later they flew over Ramsgate and Broadstairs. Several naval and military aeroplanes and searchlights were used to track the Germans, who immediately retreated. As no engagement between the aeroplanes has been reported, it is presumed that the Germans escaped.

NAVY WARNS OF IMPOSTOR

Man Alleges Relationship to Late Rear-Admiral L. Young. Beware of the man who represents himself to be the nephew of the late Rear-Admiral Lucien Young. This is the admission of Lieutenant Blackburn, recruiting officer of the United States Navy, in charge of the local office. Lieutenant Blackburn says that such a man has been getting money from several sources on the strength of his alleged relationship to the late distinguished Admiral.

CHELAN TAXPAYERS UNITE

First Step of New League Is to Oppose Building Courthouse. WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—More than 700 taxpayers of the county met in the courthouse and organized the Chelan County Taxpayers' League, to reduce taxes—municipal, school district and county.

Birds Friends to Meet.

The bird committee of the Audubon Society will begin a series of meetings, the first of which will take place Saturday night at 8 o'clock, at 309 W. M. C. A. building. Interesting birds and specimens relative to the "feed-the-birds" campaign will be discussed. The society will also solicit suggestions as to food for the various species and hints on the manner of protecting the food from the storms. All who are interested are invited. Impromptu discussions will be made.

Dan May Break Is Fear.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Fear that melting snow in the mountains may cause the waters of Bully Creek, near Vale, to rise and break the dam on the Bully Creek project, was expressed in a letter received at the State Engineer's office from J. J. Dickerson. Mr. Dickerson asks that an in-

RISE CLOSES MILLS; 1000 OUT OF WORK

Three Big Plants Suspend in Face of High Waters at Oregon City.

FOOT MORE IS EXPECTED

Floods Nearly Reach Main Drive Belt at Woolen Mills, While Pulp Runs Short at Plants of Paper Companies.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Every machine in the Crown Willamette Paper Company, the Lowley Pulp & Paper Company and the Oregon City Woolen Mills is shut down tonight, and more than 1000 men are laid off tonight as a result of the flood stage of the Willamette.

A new element entered the situation today that may result in higher water than expected, according to the mill men. The rising of the Columbia, coming as a result of the thaw in the basin of that stream, may back the water in the lower river up several more feet, still further reducing the head of water at the falls.

The Crown Willamette Company received reports from up-river points today showing that the river at Eugene was 10.5 feet, making a drop of 4.5 feet for the 24-hour period. At Albany the river went down six feet, and at Salem it went up two feet, according to mill figures.

The river above the falls here this morning stood 64.5 feet above zero, and the lower river up to Kenton, the water mark is 31 feet. The lower river went up 2.5 feet over night, and this afternoon the Willamette stood above the falls at 65.3.

A study of the river readings and of weather conditions lead mill officials to believe that the upper river will rise about a foot more before the crest of the high water goes past tomorrow, and that the lower river probably will go up several feet more.

At the mills of the Crown Willamette Company it is not safe to bring logs into the plant, and the grinders and wet machines have been shut down since last night. The supply of sulphite pulp pulp run last night. The conditions prevent grinding more. The water is almost up to the main drive belt at the woolen mills. At 2 o'clock the entire plant was shut down.

At the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company the sulphite mill is shut down for repairs, but No. 2 and No. 3 paper machines were down early today because of high water. All the plant was shut down tonight.

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DEER AND ELK SUFFERING

Hoquiam Reports Snow Has Made Forage Hard to Get. HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Reports received in Hoquiam state there has been considerable suffering among the deer and elk in the Quinaltut Peninsula, particularly in the Quinaltut district, during the time the heavy snow has been on the ground. The suffering has been among the younger animals, due to their inability to get forage.

The older bulls and cows in the herds of elk lead the way to break the trail through the snow, and, as they pass, they sever most of the edible twigs and forage. By the time the herd has passed and the younger and weaker animals come along there is practically nothing left for them to eat.

STUDENTS CLEAR STREETS

Pendleton High School Boys Earn \$386 by Work During Storm. PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—To Pendleton High School boys belongs a lot of credit for relieving the snow blockaded streets and the snow-laden roofs in the city last week. According to a report collected by Principal P. L. Samba, of the High School, more than 100 of the boys turned out with shovels to assist in clearing walks, streets and roofs.

The schools were suspended from Wednesday noon until Monday morning and during this period \$386.29 was earned by the boys. One of the suggestions for dismissing the High School was to meet the demands for shovelers and the scarcity of idle men to fill this demand.

White Salmon Reception Postponed.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The joint reception which was to have been given by the Commercial Women's Club Monday night was postponed on account of the weather. The roads are still impassable. In spite of the thaw the snow is from four to six feet deep.

Cattle Thief Suspect Recaptured.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Charles Matney, arrested in Oregon City in July, 1914, on a charge of cattle stealing in this country and who escaped a few days after being placed in the county jail here has been recaptured in Livingston, Mont., and will be brought here.

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Read the Advice of a Prominent New York Medical Journal to Physicians. "Severe as it may be and great as the temptation is to relieve a distressing cough—and we know of no cough more distressing than the cough of measles—restrain your impulse. If you want to contribute directly to the occurrence of capillary bronchitis and broncho-pneumonia, use codeine, morphine and all the rest of that group." This warning should also apply to coughs and colds as pneumonia is much more likely to develop from a cold when a sedative cough medicine is used. An expectorant like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is what is needed. That cleans out the culture beds, or breeding places for the germs of pneumonia and other germ diseases. That is why pneumonia never results from a cold when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. That remedy



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specimen of the dam be made at once. He declares that if the dam should break, many persons living below the dam would be endangered. The work on the creek project between Oregon City and Parkplace and backwater is almost up to the track of the Southern Pacific at one place.

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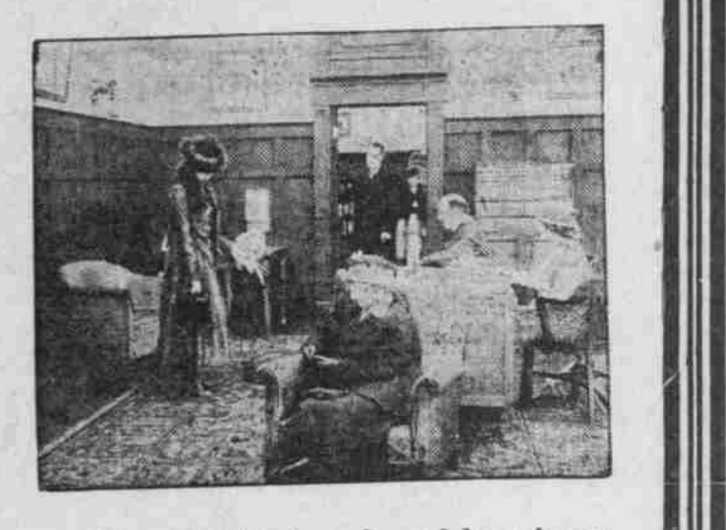
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FORESTER TELLS POLICY

GRAVES WOULD HAVE GOVERNMENT ACQUIRE TIMBER. Privately Owned Woods Within Watershed Should Be Federal Property. Is the Official's View.

In the opinion of Henry S. Graves, chief forester of the Forestry Service, privately owned timber lying within the watershed should be acquired by the Government. In a letter to George E. Chamberlain, Oregon Senator, the chief forester has thus declared his policy. The letter was written to Mr. Chamberlain after he had sent to the chief forester the communication of Dr. Calvin S. White, former secretary of the State Board of Health, in which Dr. White expressed fear that the watershed was threatened by private capital.

The fear of Dr. White lies in the activities of the Bridal Veil Lumber Company, a large owner of timber land on the Bull Run watershed, and also in the activities of other companies who seek to gain more of the timberland lying within the reserve. It is the suggestion of Dr. White that the city of Portland either buy the lands from the Government to guarantee its unending water supply or that the Government purchase these lands already acquired for others.

There are 20,000 acres of land that have been alienated from the Forest Reserve in which the Bull Run reserve lies and of that amount the Oregon and California is the owner of more than 11,000 acres.

RUDE SURGERY SAVES LIFE

Doctor Operates With Pocket Knife and Two Tin Spoons. ELKINS, W. Va., Feb. 4.—With no instruments other than two tin teaspoons, a small pocketknife and a piece of rubber tubing, cut from a fountain syringe, Dr. H. W. Daniels, of the City

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