EDITORS PROMOTE GOOD ROADS MOVE

Tillamook County Newspaper Men Visit Cloverdale Country's Highways.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

Recommendations Following Meeting Call for $150,000 Expenditure Next Year—Women Play Important Role as Hostesses.

CLOVERDALE, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Every newspaper in the county was represented at the second meeting of the Tillamook County Booster Editors' Association when it met here to give the south part of the county a visit, which lasted three days.

The aim of the newspaper men in visiting different parts of the county together is to come in closer touch with the leading citizens, ascertain the needs of the county and after a thorough investigation promote the things which will help the entire county.

The editors are taking a lively interest in good roads, and as Tillamook County is making rapid progress in this respect, the booster editors have gone over a large part of the recent road improvements and have made many suggestions about contemplated road work, and as a result they recommend the expenditure of $150,000 on roads next year.

Delegation Important One.

The delegation was composed of Fred C. Baker, Tillamook Headlight, president; Frank Taylor, Cloverdale Courier, vice-president; C. E. Trombley, secretary; H. F. Effenberger, Nehalem Enterprise; W. C. Trombley, Bay City Examiner. County Commissioner H. M. Farmer accompanied the editors.

The first trip out from Cloverdale was to Pacific City and to Nestucca Bay, one of the most picturesque spots on the Pacific Coast. Over this stretch of beautiful country the road has been resurveyed, with an easy grade, and work on it is now proceeding. When complete it will be a most delightful run for automobiles. At Pacific City the booster editors were most royally received and entertained. J. H. Dunstan served a sumptuous dinner at the hotel for the party.

The same evening the women of Cloverdale tendered the booster editors a reception, when they were called upon to make speeches. There was a good crowd to meet the editors.

The next trip was to Neskowin, 15 miles from Cloverdale. It is in this section of Tillamook County that a most picturesque road has been surveyed and graded, and when this improvement is complete it will add another to the many delightful auto drives in Tillamook County.

This road branches off from the main county road at Three River, goes through Cloverdale to the Little Nestucca Valley, and then on to Oretown. From there it skirts the side of the mountain with the Pacific Ocean in view, making a most beautiful, picturesque scene at most every turn of the road. When this road and the Necarney Mountain road is improved for auto travel, Tillamook County will have, besides the main road through the county, two of the prettiest auto drives in Oregon.

Plan to Shorten Road.

It is 18 miles from Three Rivers to Neskowin, but this will be shortened several miles, for there is a proposition to build about a mile and a half of road across the tide land from the Union Schoolhouse, which will save five miles of travel going over a mountain road which covers seven miles. It is expected that as soon as the entire road is rocked, which is now being done, that the County Court will send a rock crushing plant and a gasoline roller to complete the work. There are at present a number of sharp points in the road which the newspaper men will ask to have cut off. Other than this, the editors had only words of praise for this public improvement in the good roads movement.

One drawback the editors found to the south part of the county was lack of better transportation. Freight is taken there on the small gasoline schooner Della, which has only carrying capacity from 30 to 40 tons. This has to be discharged on the bay and then scowed to Cloverdale, and it is the same way that some of the cheese is shipped from there.

With the expenditure of about $25,000 improving the Big Nestucca River vessels carrying 150 tons could reach Cloverdale, as there are only three small bars in the river to contend with after some snags have been removed.

There is some prospect, however, of the Nestucca Valley's obtaining railroad connection with the Willamette Valley and Tillamook City, for the promoters of the Portland & West Coast Railroad & Navigation Company say that work on that road from Willamina will be commenced shortly, which will come down the Little Nestucca and strike Pacific City and Cloverdale, and from there it will go north through the county to Tillamook Bay.

Diversified Farming Promoted.

The whole of the Nestucca country is suited to diversified farming, as vegetables and fruit grow to perfection, but, like all other parts of Tillamook County, the farmers have devoted their attention exclusively to the production of milk, not raising enough potatoes, onions, vegetables, etc., or making enough butter for their own consumption; consequently a large amount of this produce is shipped in, with heavy freight charges added.

The Nestucca Valley, once the large dairy farms are cut up into 10 and 20-acre tracts and diversified farming becomes general, will sustain a large and prosperous class of people.

Before returning home the booster editors passed votes of thanks to the citizens, Charles Ray, J. H. Dunstan, the Elmore Packing Company and County Commissioner Farmer for hospitable and courteous treatment, and, after recommending a number of improvements in road work, went on record as being "favorably impressed with the road work that is being done in the south end of the county and believe the County Court should be commended for the economy displayed."

Lewis County Gets School Head.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—M. L. Carrier will assume the duties of superintendent of the Lewis County schools on next Monday, when W. D. Bay, who has held the office for the past four years, steps out to become the principal of the Edison School, in Centralia. Mr. Bay has labored strenuously for the advancement of the schools in Lewis County during his term of office, and it is generally admitted that the high efficiency of the rural schools is largely due to his efforts.

CHEHALIS HITS BERGER

Centralia Loses First of Decisive Series.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Chehalis' baseball team defeated Centralia in the State League here today, winning the opening game of the closing series, 9 to 2.

Berger, who has been regarded as Centralia's invincible pitcher was batted to the woods before the second inning closed, Chehalis getting eight hits off him, one three-bagger, three two-baggers, three singles and a home run. Krause replaced Berger and pitched a steady game to the close. Archer pitched for Chehalis and his work was all Chehalis could desire.

Kennedy, recently from the Northwest, played first base for Chehalis, and his playing and hitting were features. He got a three-bagger, two two-baggers, and a sacrifice long fly that scored a run. Moore, Chehalis' shortstop was robbed of a rare chance to make a triple play by the fact that one man was already out.

There was a large attendance and tomorrow's and Monday's crowds are expected to be record breakers. Chehalis must win the three remaining games to be played to win the pennant while Centralia needs but one.

As the game closed Guyn, of the Centralia team, struck a boy whom he said had been "guying" him and was arrested and fined $10 and costs in Police Court. Score of today's game follows:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Chehalis	9	13	1	Centralia	2	7	3

Batteries—Archer and Wineholt; Berger, Krause and Roche. Bases on balls—Archer 3, Krause 3. Two-base hits—Gleason, Taylor, Johnson, Kennedy 2; Three-base hits—Kennedy and Miller. Home run—Wineholt. Double plays—Brown to Boettiger, Moore unassisted.

IDAHO FOREST IS ABLAZE; AID ASKED

Most Dangerous and Extensive Fire of Season Breaks Out on Mussellshell.

RANGER RUSHED TO SCENE

Call for Volunteers Sent to Lewiston, Kendrick and Surrounding Towns—Lightning Believed to Have Started Raging Fire.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Supervisor Fisher, of the Clearwater Forest Reserve, at Orofino, Idaho, was notified today that the most dangerous and extensive forest fire of the season broke out this afternoon on the Mussellshell, several miles east of Pierce and was already beyond the control of the 20 rangers who were hurried to the scene.

An appeal was made by the chief ranger in that portion of the reserve for 30 additional firefighters and they will be sent as soon as they can be secured.

No available men can be found at Orofino and a call for volunteers has been sent to Lewiston, Kendrick and surrounding towns. Spokane will be appealed to tomorrow if the required number cannot be assembled in North Idaho.

The fire is said to have been started by lightning and it is sweeping through the tops of the trees with incredible rapidity. An extensive area had been burned over this afternoon and a brisk wind was causing it to spread rapidly. The mountains in that vicinity are heavily timbered and a "crown" fire, such as the one now raging, may cause an immense amount of damage in a short time.

A fire, originating from a burning brush pile on the William Foust farm in the timber two miles east of Orofino, is tonight engaging the attention of all the men who could be secured and was not under control at a late hour.

At last reports the blaze was closing in on the supply yards of the Orofino Timber Company, in which there are 2000 cords of wood. About 40 acres have been burned over and the flames are rapidly gaining ground. It is believed the woodyard is doomed.

RAINS IN FOREST ARE TIMELY

Fires in Cascades Are Halted by Fall During Two Days.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Rain which fell in the mountains of Eastern Linn County last night may prove a potent factor in stopping some of the big forest fires in this part of the state. The rainfall was light in some parts of the mountains, but in other places there was enough precipitation partially to extinguish the fires.

While the rain aided the fire-fighters, lightning which accompanied it may have counteracted the effect of the rain on old fires by starting new ones. No reports of new fires in this part of the state have been received here today, however.

Reports received here this forenoon from the Seven Mile Mountain fire indicate that this big conflagration is now almost under control. The big crew of firefighters has succeeded in checking the fire at all points but the southeast corner, where a fierce fire has been burning, and it is believed that within a day or two the progress of this fire will be stopped entirely.

Seven fires are still burning in this part of the state, but none of them is reported to be spreading rapidly today.

CLOSE HUNTING SEASON, IS CRY

Petition Sent to Governor, Asking Protection to Forests by Act.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Following a petition to the Governor asking that the hunting season be closed, as allowed under the new forestry law for the protection of forests against fires which are caused by hunters, State Forester Elliott today asked Attorney-General Crawford relative to who may order out the militia to assist in fighting the forest fires.

Adjutant-General Finzer had suggested that legal advice be secured. The Attorney-General held that the Governor has the sole power to call out troops for this purpose.

The petition directed at the hunters was received from C. S. Chapman. Owing to the fact that there have been numerous reports to the effect that hunters have been ruthlessly starting forest fires to clean out the underbrush and aid in the pursuit of game in this manner, it is the desire on the part of the petitioners to have the hunters kept from the woods. In a letter accompanying the petition Mr. Chapman says:

"Just so long as the situation could be handled, even at great expense, timber owners refrained from asking you to exercise the authority given under the law to close the game season for the protection of life and property. But now they feel the time has arrived when, if drastic measures are not taken, repetition of last year's losses is not only possible but probable. Already the patrol forces are taxed to their utmost. The supply of men available to fight fire is rapidly being exhausted, and fires now burning seriously threaten thousands of acres of Oregon's heaviest forests. No rain can be expected for two weeks, at least, and consequently we respectfully urge that, as a preventative measure and one calculated to save millions of dollars to the state, the game season be closed as prayed for in the accompanying petition. Already settlers have suffered seriously from fire. The signers of the petitions represent over 4,000,000 acres of land.

DAMAGE ON WHOLE IS SMALL

Protective Measures Keep Down Losses From Fires.

A summary of the forest fire situation at the beginning of September, issued yesterday by the Western Forestry & Conservation Association upon the basis of bulletins received simultaneously from all parts of the Pacific Northwest, shows comparatively little serious damage up to date, but one life lost, and reassuring conditions in Montana, Idaho and Eastern Washington. In Western Washington and Oregon the situation was extremely dangerous until the present rain. So far the increase of protective effort over that of previous years has been notably effective.

Heavy private, state and Federal patrols in Washington have so far stopped with small damage the fires set in green timber by lightning and campers. The greatest difficulty has been with fires in slashings and old burns which acquired headway almost instantaneously and threatened adjoining timber. One in an old burn west of Mt. St. Helen and one near Pe Ell which burned approximately a section of timber were the most serious Washington fires in August.

Fully 500 fires were reported in Oregon in August. The worst situation at present is in the Santiam and Clackamas regions, where several hundred men are still required to hold two or three bad fires, which have been fought for weeks. Fires engaging 10 to 50 men are numerous throughout the western part of the state, but have done little serious damage. The Forest Service has about 300 men on patrol and as many more working on fires. The state and timber owners have over 400 patrolmen and are still increasing their forces. Carelessness with slashings and by hunters is reported the chief cause of fires and state officials are making every effort to stop further slash burning with or without permit.

While French railroad builders were digging a tunnel recently a fossil stag was unearthed in clay 100 feet below the surface of the ground.

MAN AND SPOUSE FLEE

ANOTHER "MYSTERIOUS MITCHELL" WORKS AT ROSEBURG.

Alleged to Have Acted as Detectives on Violations of Local Option Law, Couple Suddenly Leave.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—On the evening before they were supposed to turn their evidence over to the District Attorney, W. D. Mitchell and wife, both of whom were employed by the county for the purpose of detecting violations of the local option laws, last night packed their belongings and were spirited out of town under peculiar circumstances. It is said they left Roseburg at 9 o'clock in an automobile and went to Oakland, where they boarded the midnight train for Portland.

Mitchell and his wife came here four weeks ago and the former secured employment with a Roseburg cement contractor. He labored at his profession during the day, while in the evening he loitered about the soft drink emporiums in quest of evidence which might result in the arrest of the proprietors. Late yesterday his identity became known and plans were immediately arranged whereby he could be persuaded to leave town. He was called into consultation, it is said, and upon producing his evidence was rewarded for his efforts in Roseburg and told to move on.

Other than securing several hundred dollars of easy money, Mitchell is known to have received frequent remittances from the county officials responsible for his employment. He is also said to have left the hotel, where he stayed, without paying the landlord a month's rent and a local grocery firm a small account. It is possible that District Attorney Brown will make an effort to apprehend the couple and bring them back on the latter counts.

Freedom Refused to Detweiler.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—Judge Lawlor refused today to dismiss the indictment against A. K. Detweiler, a former official of the Home Telephone Company, accused of bribery in connection with the granting of a franchise by the Schmitz-Ruef Board of Supervisors, and set the case for trial on September 30.

FIRST SALMON VESSEL IN

Bering Sea Schooner Reports Catch 25 Per Cent Short.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Twenty-eight days from Koggiun, Bristol Bay, the schooner Bertie Minor arrived in port this morning after a stormy passage, having encountered a series of strong southern and easterly gales and much fog in the Bering Sea.

The schooner is the first of the salmon boats to arrive from the northern canneries. Captain Langren reports that the catch was fully 25 per cent less than last year. The Minor's catch was 800 barrels.

When the Bertie Minor left Bristol Bay all were well.

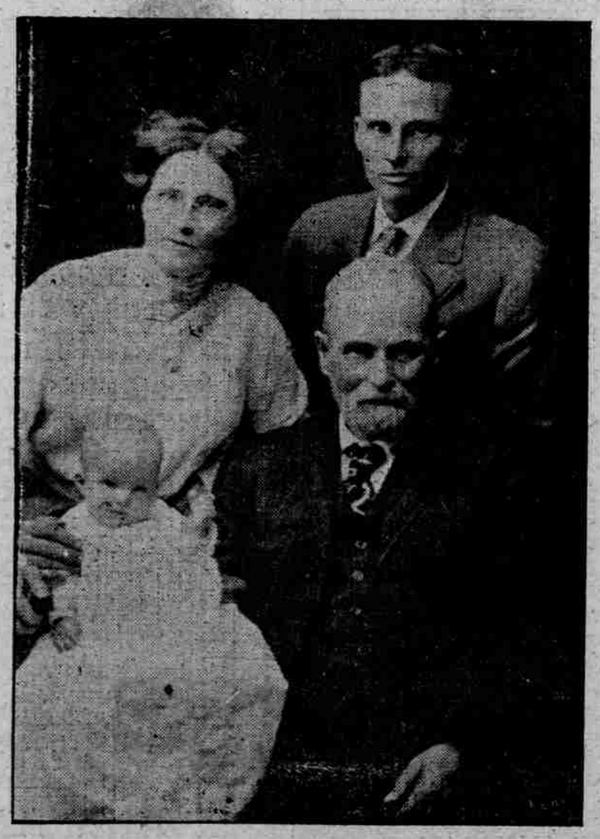
Traction Engine Saves Auto.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Postmaster W. B. Haines, of this city, accompanied by J. H. Hartley, a realty dealer, in an attempt to pass a vehicle on the Gales Creek Road near the Watts Place, careened his touring car over an embankment Wednesday morning. Neither of the occupants were seriously injured and but slight damage was done to the machine, which was hoisted back onto the road by a traction engine.

TILLAMOOK EDITORS ON BOOSTER TOUR.

PENCIL PUSHERS IN THEIR AUTOMOBILE AT CLOVERDALE.

MEMBER OF HAPPY FAMILY GROUP CROSSED PLAINS BY OX TEAM AND SETTLED IN THE DALLES.



FOUR GENERATIONS.

OAKESDALE, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—George R. Snipes, of four generations shown above, was born in 1832 at Raleigh, N. C., later moved to Iowa, and crossed the plains by ox team in 1853 and settled at The Dalles, Or., where he has since resided.

The rest of the group are, a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Waterman, of Walla Walla, and grandson, C. G. Waterman, of Oaksdale, Wash., and great-granddaughter, Margaret Gladys Waterman, aged 4 months.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6— North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa Day. Third Day Pacific Coast Regatta.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7— British Columbian, Vancouver, Victoria Day. Fourth Day Pacific Coast Regatta.

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