

SCENERY ALONG AUTO ROUTE NOW BEAUTIFUL

Hood River City and Valley Residents Are Awakening to Splendor of Natural Wonders Lying on Pathway to Their Doors.



C. W. Parker Builds Summer House on Proposed Route.



Interior of Parker Summer House



The Mountain Side, a Mass of Sliding Stone



In Place a Beautiful Highway Already Paved

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Until this Spring the residents of the City of Hood River and the Hood River Valley never have realized fully the beauty of the scenery of the proposed route of the Portland and Hood River automobile highway and what it will mean to the community. The donation of S. Benson, the lumberman, who, by spending \$10,000 on convict work, will clear the way around the hitherto impassable barrier, Shell Rock Mountain, has created an interest, and an enthusiasm among Hood River people. Before it was not known that a passable automobile road ran from Hood River to a point beyond Vento, a little station on the O. W. R. & N., about four miles this side of Shell Rock.

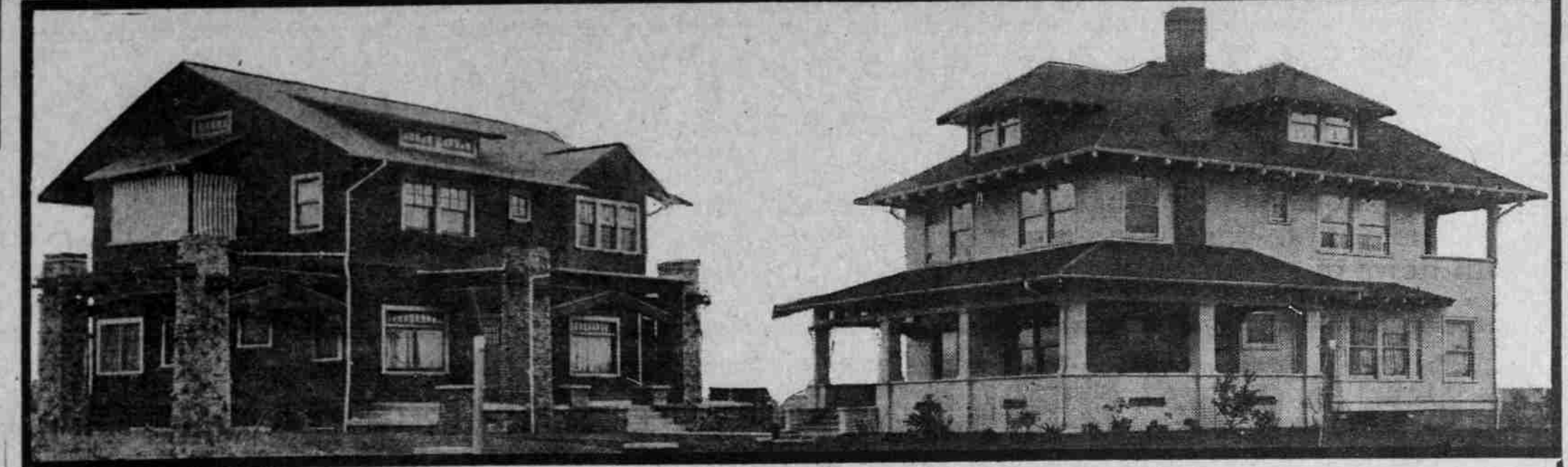
But with the discussions that have been aroused by Mr. Benson's donation and the proposal to make the entire distance between here and Portland passable for vehicles this year, citizens have investigated the proposed route.

One who has never been over the route can form but a poor idea of the scenic grandeur. The traveler will always have before his view the Columbia, in places broad, its waters as placid on quiet days as those of a lake, and in other spots, where the gorge's sides close in, a rushing fathom-deep mass of turbulent eddies. On the opposite sides can be seen the towering cliffs and the canyons of little streams that find their sources among the snow-capped peaks of Washington.

scenes, but the highway over which the Pullman cars and coaches travel never rises to a level from which the jagged edges of the gorge may be seen. Nor do the passengers have time to grasp comprehensively the beauty of any one scene. To them it is like looking at flying series of pictures shown by a moving-picture machine. The wayfarer along the highway will have time to make a study of the grandeur he looks upon.

Ranchers Use Road. Within the past two weeks several Hood River motorists have traveled in their machines as far as Mitchell's Point, a spur putting out from the range that borders the Hood River Valley on the west and which rises above the river to a height of more than 1000 feet. They have found the road fairly good. Indeed, this highway is used continuously by ranchers, who have cleared portions of the narrow basin between the Columbia and the cliffs. Homestead settlements may be found dotting the base of the gorge all the way to the east side of Shell Rock.

Mitchell's Point forms a kind of a gigantic stairway of two steps. The road passes along the bench made by the first, as it rises from the water's edge of the river and directly beneath the second, one of the most imposing spurs along the Columbia. At the summit of the roadway here, just opposite the entrance of the Little White Salmon River to the Columbia, on the Washington bank, a splendid panoramic picture may be had, which opens up more grandly and more gorgeously to the bolder traveler who dares to climb to the top of the second step of the point.



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already built and will carry the automobile tourist through the midst of the orchard belt.

Flowers Are Proliferous. Beyond Mitchell's Point the roadway is comparatively level, running for the most of the distance to its terminus, at this side of the base of Shell Rock, through thickets of dogwood, wild currant bushes and cottonwoods. The beautiful flowers of these shrubs are already blooming there and a drive over the present highway offers one of the most delightful outings in the region. In the neighborhood of Vento a number of little streams, that rise at the top of the gorge and come tumbling over its sides in series of waterfalls, cross the highway. Each pool has its number of trout that are awaiting the opening of the fishing season to make delightful the day's outing of some angler.

The greatest expense of building the highway will be met with when the route is opened around Shell Rock Mountain. For more than a half mile along the right of way of the O. W. R. & N. tracks the steep side of the mountain is a mass of sliding stones from a few inches up to a foot or more in thickness. These stones must be cleared away and retaining walls of great strength built to prevent slides from burying the roadway after it is built. Mr. Benson has donated the \$10,000 for the purpose of carrying out this task and it is thought that by applying convict labor the work will very nearly be completed.

Home Commands Fine View.

An insight into the prophecy of Le Roy Armstrong in his "Hagar's Son," a story recently appearing in Sunset and which dealt with the Columbia River route of the future line, was had when one takes a peep at the residence of C. W. Parker, a handsome log bungalow built beside the proposed highway just beyond the ramparts of Mitchell's Point. Mr. Parker has passed his life in newspaper work. His work has taken him all over the world, but of all the spots that he has seen, he says, he is most pleased with that in the Columbia Gorge, which, he says, he has selected for his home. The log walls of the living-

room have many windows opening out on terraces and from which one may look to the west for miles down the Columbia. The view presented at sunset is particularly gorgeous. In summer time the sun seems to drop out of sight in the very center of the gorge.

CHERRY OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Dalles Growers Plan to Market Immense Crop This Season.

THE DALLES, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The raising of cherries, apricots and peaches has been greatly stimulated by the announcement that the California Fruit Canners' Association has contracted for the entire crop of Royal Ann cherries grown within a radius of six miles of this city during the next four seasons and fruit-growers have been acquiring new territory and planting thousands of trees. The association will soon begin the erection of a large cannery here to employ between 300 and 300 people and is making arrangements with growers for having 30,000 apricot, 50,000 cling peach and 25,000 Bartlett pear trees planted. It is estimated that 180 tons of Royal Ann cherries will be marketed through the California concern this season. Nearly 100,000 Royal Ann trees have been planted within the six-mile radius of The Dalles.

R. D. Forland, who has charge of the Oregon Packing Company's plant in East Portland, a concern recently taken over by the California company, will have charge of the local plant. Conditions in all of the orchards of Wasco County are reported excellent and indications point to the greatest fruit harvest ever known in this section.

BLOW DESTROYS OPTIC

Workman Accidentally Strikes Carpenter With Hammer.

Clarence Miller, a carpenter, is at the Good Samaritan Hospital recovering from an operation in which his

left eye was removed, as the result of being struck by a hammer that a fellow workman was wielding.

Miller was working on a building on Sixty-seventh street near the Foster road, Friday, and with his partner was engaged in putting braces under some joists. While thus occupied his companion attempted to force the brace with a heavy blow of his hammer. He missed his aim, however, and the instrument flew out of his hand and struck Miller square in the left eye.

He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital and it was found necessary to remove the injured organ the same night. Miller lives with his wife at 7141 Forty-third avenue.

2 COUNTIES JOIN IN FAIR

Coos and Curry Will Erect Joint Plant at Myrtle Point.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The Coos and Curry Counties Fair Association is being formed for the purpose of holding an annual fair and livestock show at Myrtle Point. The people of that city last year held a stock show and there was so much interest that it was decided to make a permanent organization. An option has been taken on 17 acres of land within the city limits. The price is slightly more than \$5000 and the Myrtle Point people have already subscribed \$4000. Others are being solicited, as it is the intention to raise \$10,000 for buildings and a half-mile race course.

Coos County has not had a regular county fair for some years and the stock show held on short notice last year demonstrated the possibilities. Myrtle Point is the most centrally located city for holding a gathering of the kind.

The Southern Oregon District Fair will probably be given to Coos County next year, following the turn of Eugene this year, and by that time the new County Fair Association will have fine accommodations.

POSTAL LEADS TO ARREST

Officers Follow Strange Clew in Locating L. B. Thornet.

When United States Marshal Scott went to Klamath Falls, six months ago to arrest Dr. John Grant Lyman, a prisoner who escaped from the Federal authorities of California, he took possession of the personal effects of Louis E. Thornet, Grant's nurse, who had attempted to get him out of the country. Thornet disappeared as if he had been swallowed in the forests and mountains of Southern Oregon and no trace of him could be found. Among his effects was a postal card from his mother in Massachusetts and this was forwarded to the United States Marshal at Boston by Marshal Scott. This postal card eventually led up to the clew that located Thornet in New Mexico and his arrest on Friday.

Thornet is under indictment in California on a charge of aiding a Federal prisoner to escape and he will be taken there for trial.

DOWNARD SUCCEEDS GOOD

Secretary Union Meat Company Resigns to Establish Own Business.

W. W. Downard has been appointed to succeed J. C. Good as secretary of the Union Meat Company, from which Mr. Good resigned a short time ago to establish a packing plant of his own here.

Mr. Downard has been in the employ of the Swift interests in different cities for many years. He came to Portland from Edmonton about two years ago to take a position with the company as credit man and office manager.

Attorneys Plan Annual Banquet.

W. A. Peters, a Seattle attorney; B. D. Townsend, assistant special United States Attorney-General; Wallace McCamant, W. D. Fenton, R. T. Platt, Circuit Judge Morrow and Ralph E. Moody will be the principal speakers at the sixth annual banquet of the Multnomah Bar Association members, to be held at the Multnomah Hotel Tuesday night, commencing at 8:30. The banquet is tendered to the Justices of the Supreme Court of Oregon and the various Mult-

nomah County Judges. The affair will be informal.

Seattle Bond Issue Upheld.

SEATTLE, April 6.—The decision of the Superior Court yesterday that the \$800,000 of bonds voted by the citizens in 1911 are valid, opens the way for construction of a line connecting Rainier and Ballard, extreme points of the city, and passing through the business center of Seattle. The court swept aside every objection raised to the validity of the bonds.

Deputy Brings Two Prisoners.

Deputy United States Marshal Beatty arrived yesterday from Klamath Falls with two prisoners, Henry Drew, charged with an assault, and Frank Victor, charged with selling liquor to Indians. Deputy Marshal Dukes arrived yesterday from Pendleton with Lucien Williams, an Indian, charged with hav-

ing sent obscene matter through the mails.

Norwegian Hunts Alaska Whales.

SEATTLE, April 6.—The Alaska whalers will be sorry to learn of the sailing for the North from Seattle today of Lieutenant Sigurd Blied, of Christiania, late of the Norwegian Navy, who has been engaged by a Barnhof Island whaling concern on account of his remarkable marksmanship. Wild shots are expensive. Blied, in his whaling cruises off the coast of Ireland, missed but two whales out of 334 fired at.

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COTTAGE GROVE FARM IS NOVEL EXPERIMENT

Place to Be Conducted by Felix Currin Will Be Fenced, but All Visitors Will Be Welcome After They Have Registered.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—A decided novelty in the way of farms is what the extensive experiment station to be established here by Felix Currin will be. The farm will be securely fenced and all visitors will be required to register, so that in case any damage is done it can be traced by the register. The nature of a park, will be open to everyone, and the object of the experiment will be to give everyone the benefit of all discoveries made there. Mr. Currin recently purchased 13 acres of land on Knox Hill for the purpose of turning it into the unique experiment station and park. He already has 10 different kinds of grapes and 400 varieties of roses being prepared for planting. In return for samples of Cottage Grove grain, the United States Government has agreed to furnish Mr. Currin anything he wants in the tree line for experimental work.

Almond, fig, walnut and persimmon trees will be planted this year. The work will be greatly enlarged as time goes on. It is probable that experiments will be made with grain next year, and Mr. Currin will follow up on this tract of land the great work he has done with grains on his Walnut Avenue farm.

The Government, in offering to trade trees for seed grain, said that the Willamette grain contains superior qualities that cannot be secured anywhere else.

Many of the trees will be left there and be trimmed for park purposes. Mr. Currin's idea being to make the place one where fusticating it can and pass the whole day rusticating it they wish. The



Felix Currin, Cottage Grove Experimental Farmer Who Makes Marked Success.