## KNOWLES' FOURTH MESSAGE DUE SOON

Early in Week Nature-Man Expected to Tell What He

Experiment of Primitive Man in Woods of Southern Oregon Declared to Be "Inspiration for Our Study of Nature," Now.

BY A. I. FAIRBROTHER. KNOWLES CAMP, Klamath National Forest (via Holland and Grants Pass). Aug. 1.—Three messages already have been received from Joe Knowles, who

been received from Joe Knowles, who is somewhere in the mountains near here, clad in a blanket of moss or grass and with wooden sandals tied with twisted grass on his feet. That is, providing his feet are in such a condition at this time that he is able to wear anything on them.

For nearly two weeks now this artist from Maine and Boston has lived in the very midst of the wildest country in Southern Oregon and Northern California; has not only lived, but he has accomplished as much as could be expected of a man in his apparent physical condition.

With his feet badly swollen, so badly in fact that he has had to give up walking practically, he has been obliged, according to his messages, to do almost nothing towards accomplishing what he went into the woods to do. Yet, withal, he is cheerful and has far more confidence than a week ago that this country would give him the living and the things he desired. Velled Complaint Heard.

The first message received from Joe, a few days after he went into the forest alone and naked, was more or less a velled complaint against the conditions that appeared to exist in the mountains. He told of the number of miners and prospectors he had seen and miners and prospectors he had seen and said that he would be lucky if he was Knowles' second message, written on

the fourth day of his experiment, told that he was just existing and nothing

Then in this message he referred to the condition of his skin, torn and bruised by the thorns and briars of

Two Men Admire Knowles. There are certainly two men in the

There are certainly two men in the world who admire Knowles almost as much as those who know the man well, and those two are Dr. Waterman and Professor Edwards. When the nights became so cold that it was barely comfortable in camp, Waterman said time and again, "I pity that man," and Edwards said, "I am afraid, but I want him to succeed."

When the last message came from Knowles the latter part of the week kind he told of his badly swollen feet

One day I was talking with Knowles of my ideas and plans and he ex-claimed: Yes, that is the right idea. I would have a school for the study of nature in the woods under a man prop-erly trained in woodcraft. The pupils should not poure over books by an oil lamp, but should go to sleep with the birds and wake with them at dawn. They should go forth in the sunshine learning all the little tricks of nature and happy in their surroundings and becoming strong in body and mind.'
"So," said Edwards, "Knowles is not only an artist and an expert in hunting, fishing and trapping, but a philosopher as well and an apostle of the new education. He has a deep-seated love for humanity and belief in the innate powers of every man,

Life at the Knowles camp on the east fork of Indian Creek has assumed the aspect of a permanent abode. The miners throughout the district have heard who the men are there, and it is a sort of a mecca for those who want to make an afternoon call. don't serve afternoon tea yet, but that is about all they have not done in en-

roman and child."

The men about the little store in Holland talk of nothing but the "wild man" and more Oregonians have been sold in the village in the past week than ever before. Every one is inter-ested in the experimnt and all hope that the man in the woods will win out and do as he said he would do. When the bark messages came in from the camp the men clustered about and many and varied were the com-ments. Guesses were made as to what kind of an instrumnt was used to get the bark from the trees and the con-sensus of opinion was that Knowles was a mighty bright man to get the material and write the stuff he did.

Every miner in the district is on the lookout for Knowles the minute he crosses the range from here, and about out with his burros and packs is: "Til try and see that 'wild man' and tell you all about him when I come in the next time."

In all probability Knowles' fourth message will be received at the camp early in the week, and it is fair to believe that the next letter will tell in even more optimistic terms of what he has succeeded in doing.

VALUE KNOWLES' WORK SEEN Dr. Waterman Answers Critics of

Nature-Man and Primtive Trip. BY DR. T. T. WATERMAN, Ph.D.
A good many people these days are saying that they themselves could do exactly what Joe Knowles is doing, and saying it in a way that implies criticism of Knowles. In fact, there are two extreme opinions about the whole matter. There are some who say at once that any fool could do it, and there are others who say that no man on earth could do it. As a matter of fact, the truth lies somewhere between.

There is no use arguing about whether it can be done. The whole human race has done it. It is a matter so certain now that discussion is almost out of order that human history began in the woods, and that it began in the simplest way, with an absence of everything that we call

In other words, Mr. Knowles is merely beginning back where our earliest ancestors began. To say that it can't be done is like saying that a man cannot harvest without a mowing machine, or till the soil without a plow. Aside from his experience in

that the project Mr. Knowles has undertaken can be carried through successfully. I am perfectly free to admit that to carry this thing through requires something more than mere willingness.

willingness.

In the first place, there is some discomfort involved. A person who was not used to more or less exposure probably would think he was freezing to death. People who think that flavor is a necessary part of nutriment would probably consider that they were starving to death on Mr. Knowles' diet of green hazel nuts and broiled fish without sait. without salt.

He is himself a philosopher in such He is himself a philosopher in such matters, eats very sparingly even at a hotel, and cares little for pleasures of the table. As he remarked once in camp recently, "when you finish eating and once get started to smoking you don't care what you have eaten, anyway." If your circulation is good enough to enable you to be chilly without getting chilled, and your disposi-

> HONOR STUDENT APPOINTED SECRETARY TO DEAN CORDLEY, OF O. A. C.



R. N. Rutledge.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 1.— (Special.)—R. N. Rutledge has been appointed executive secretary to Dean A. B. Cordley, director of the experiment station and has entered upon his tary to Dean A. B. Cordley, director of the experiment station, and has entered upon his work. He is an honor student of the class of '14, and has carried supplementary work that has fitted him splendidly for the duties of his new office. He has represented the college both in oratory and debate, and has served as an editor on the Oregon Countryman. He was formerly assistant librarian of the Evanston Academy and assistant editor of the University Tri-Weekly. He has had extensive practice in the production and marketing of fruit, having worked in orchards and packed and handled fruit in the markets. He was offered and has declined two fellowships in horticulture, at the University of Missouri and at the Pennsylvania State College, to accept the position here.

When the last message came from Knowles the latter part of the week and he told of his badly swollen feet and how he was giving them a rest, both these men were loud in praise because there had been no whimper.

Professor Edwards in speaking of the experiment within a day or so said: "This experiment of Knowles' is an inspiration for our study of nature. He believes as I that the cities should establish naturalist cabins for the use of the school children and that each week children should be taken to them to study nature as it really is.

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HIKE FROM GEARHART ENDS Two Battalions Reach Vancouver Barracks in Fine Shape.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, wash,
July 31.—(Special.)—The First and
Third Battalions of the Twenty-first
Infantry, which have been marching
about 15 miles a day, returned Friday
from Gearhart, where they attended
the maneuvers. Lieutenant-Colonel
John F. Morrison, in command, rode

The men are in fine shape and healthy and withstood the hiking well. The escort wagons accompanied the column and camp was made every night at places which had been picked out by an officer sent ahead for that

Morton Masonic Temple Begun

MORTON, Wash., Aug. 1.—(Special.)
-Two carloads of brick for erection of the Masonic temple have arrived, as well as much other material. Laying of the cornerstone August 8 will be at-tended by many distinguished Masons from the larger cities of the state.

JACKSON COUNTY ADVISER AND PLANT PATHOLOGIST IS APPOINTED.



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OREGON AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE, Corvaills, July 28.—
(Special.)—Dr. M. P. Henderson, specialist in plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed assistant county adviser and plant pathologist of Jackson County by the Oregon Agricultural College.

Dr. Henderson, after graduating from the University of Utah, engaged for a time in teaching and in agricultural work. He then entered the University of Wisconsin, where he did graduate work in plant pathology for the last three years. He is a native of Idaho and is well acquainted with orchard conditions in the West. He has already taken up With orenard conditions in the West. He has already taken up his duties as Jackson County pathologist, with headquarters at Medford.

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Fight Over "Seven Sisters" Bills to Be Shifted.

Washington Secretary of State Goe Ahead Making Decisions, but in Many Cases They Give Material for Arguments.

> OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 1 .- (Special.) Interest in the count of the petitions for the "seven sisters" initiative bills by Secretary of State Howell, which has been under way since Thursday morn-ing, became somewhat less acute when it became practically certain that the scene of the real struggle over what names are to be included and what ad-mitted is to be transferred to the superior court.

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> The problems to which Washington's rather complex initiative law has given rise during the check of the petitions were not foreseen either by the friends or the enemies of the bills and the extent to which the Secretary of State must exercise his discretion in accepting or rejecting names is a puzzle that has given Mr. Howell and Attorney-General Tanner many sleepless hours.

Rulings Supply Arguments.

With the constant advice of the Attorney-General Secretary Howell has gone ahead making his decisions on the different points of fact and law as they arose and in nearly every case his decisions have furnished one side or the other with material on which they will base arguments in court.

The counts of two petitions were completed today by Mr. Howell and both were found to have sufficient signatures to entitle the measures with which they were submitted to go on the ballot.

Bill No. 8, to prohibit employment agencies from accepting fees from laborers, had 520 names more than the necessary 31,836, Bill No. 9, providing necessary 31,535. Bill No. 7, pro-first aid for injured workmen, a meas-ure supplementary to the workmen's compensation act, was found to have just 14 names above the necessary

Petition No. 6, the "blue sky" bill, has a sufficient number of signers, and No. 7, the bill to abolish the state bureau of inspection, has been found No one pretends to know just what process will result when the appeal from the count of the secretary comes before the Superior Court of Thurston County. The law allows the court to require the Secretary of State to submit the petitions "for examination" when a request shall be made for a

writ of mandate or an injunction compel or prevent the certification to the petitions as sufficient. This would open up the questions involving the justice of the Secretary's decision.

A reversal of the Secretary's decision.

A reversal of the Secretary's opinion on one or more of a score of disputed points would necessitate a recount of all petitions in dispute, which will likely include all the "seven sisters."

Five of these proposed measures are being actively fought by the Stop-Look-Listen League, an organization principally omposed of business men. The five measures are a bill to abolish the bureau of inspection and super-The five measures are a bill to abolish the bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices, a bill to prohibit employment agencies from taking fees from laborers, one adding a "first aid" clause to the industrial insurance act, a "convict highway" bill, which would put all prisoners to work on the roads and empty the Penitentiary and reformatory, and a bill for, an added tax on every fish caught in state waters.

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The other two of the "seven sisters," which are receiving little attention, are a "blue sky" law and a bill to abolish the state tax commission.

EARLY CITIZEN OF CORVAL-LIS SUICIDE AFTER ACCIDENT.



Z. H. Davis. CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—In the suicide of Z. H. Davis, Corvallis merchant, City Treasurer and president of the Corvallis Independent Telephone Company, Corvallis lost one of its most highly respected early citi-

Born in Iowa in 1856, Mr. Davis crossed the plains with his par-ents to Napa County, California, in 1864. Two years later the family removed to Benton County where he lived until death.

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He shot himself through the mouth, on July 27, while in his store and after complaining of severe pains in his head, which were caused by a fall from a bridge on July 20 while he was bridge through thrown from his dazed from being thrown from his

DYNASTY TO SPREAD TO NEIGH-

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 1.-(Spe-

cial.)-A terrific storm of optimism of Portland Muts, and before they had 3000 RED MEN EXPECTED was brought here Friday by a bunch left W. P. Strandborg, imperial chief mut, and J. E. Werlein, imperial neffer Vancouver Tribe Besieged With Rekara dham, had hypnotized by their eloquence 20 will-be Muts. They were accompanied by L. E. Warford, imperial

commissioned by the president of the company to give as much of his time as he deems necessary during the next five weeks to boosting for the Columbia River Interestate Fair, at which Vancouver will celebrate the 90th anniversary of its birth.

The visit here next Tuesday, when the Imperial Dynasty of Muts will be established, is to give the committees in Portland a chance to make a personal investigation of what the Clarke County Fair Association has, and to

County Fair Association has, and to solve the problem of transportation be-tween Vancouver and the fair grounds.

quests for Concessions.

when the colonel was here looking after space for himself at the Columbia River Interstate Fair, September 7 to 12. George P. Larsen, manager of the fair, escorted the Muts from Portland to Vancouver.

On Tuesday, August 4, an imperial dynasty of Muts will be instituted in Vancouver when 20 of the livest of the live wires of the city will be initiated into the Mystic and Benevolent Order of Muts, in the primeval forest of the Clarke County Fair grounds. Luncheon will be served at Hotel St. Eimo.

I. E. Werlein, of the Portland Rail-VANCOUVER, Wash., July 29 .- (Spe-

way, Light & Power Company, has been, ter 2 A. M., August 5, so that Portland commissioned by the president of the visitors may remain until the last pale-

OCEAN PARK, Wash., Aug. 1 .- (Special.)-The beautiful church edifice at Ocean Park, on the old Pacific Beach, is now practically completed. It is a modern structure fully adequate to all purposes. The building contains three assembly rooms, which may be thrown into one. The main auditorium will seat 250 people, the Sunday school room upwards of 100, with a smaller room for the primary department and Ladies' Aid Society meetings. Dedicatory services will be conducted on Sunday, August 3, by the district superintendent, Dr. Spencer S. Sulliger,

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