

PARK CHIEF HEARD

S. T. Mather Declares Crater Lake Must Be Developed.

ISSUE PUT UP TO OREGON

If Opportunity Is Neglected, He Will Ask California for \$500,000 for Improvements, Chamber Gathering Is Told.

"It looks like we'd have to go to the bat for the development of Crater Lake National Park this winter," said Stephen T. Mather, Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Superintendent of National Parks in the United States, addressing a group of Portland business men at a luncheon given in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

"I have just come from the Crater Lake Park, and I am free to say that I believe it has probably the greatest possibilities of any scenic park in the world.

"His development cannot be allowed to be delayed any longer. Either we shall have to get the co-operation of Oregon people to carry forward its development, or I shall go to California and try to interest the capital there. It seems that Oregon people should be willing to go forward and help develop their great park, and Oregon would be my first choice in looking for men to co-operate with the Government in the work. I am a native of California, however, and, in case Oregon doesn't come forward, I may yet have to go to my friends in California with the matter.

\$500,000 Fund Suggested. "Tacoma and Seattle have raised \$200,000 for the development of Rainier National Park and the Park Service Company in California is spending \$700,000 in the development of Yosemite Park to improve its accessibility and the service to tourists.

As a suggestion of how Crater Lake development might be made, he suggested that Portland, Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls might raise \$500,000 and arrangements might be made with the railroads to sell tickets routing tourists by automobile through the Crater Lake National Park.

"The development that has already been done by Mr. Parkhurst, who is a Portland man, is promising and is broad in its conception," he said. "Portland surely will display an interest in a project that is being developed by one of her own men."

Concerning the Mount Hood National Park, as proposed, he said that the idea of linking a number of small tracts along a boulevard was too narrow a conception of the National Park idea, and expressed the opinion that the proposed park will have to be laid out on broader lines.

Highway Is Wanted. Immediately following the luncheon Mr. Mather and Robert S. Yard, who is in his party, accompanied by J. C. Almsworth, John E. Yeon, S. C. Lancaster, T. H. Sherrard, George H. Cecil and other representatives of the Chamber and the Government Forestry Service, made the trip out over the Columbia River Highway, returning in the evening to take the train north to visit the Rainier National Park.

Those present at the luncheon were: Stephen T. Mather, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; O. M. Clark, President Portland Chamber of Commerce; J. C. Almsworth, John E. Yeon, S. C. Lancaster, T. H. Sherrard, George H. Cecil and other representatives of the Chamber and the Government Forestry Service.

Board: Frank C. Riggs, Vice-President Oregon National Parks Highway Association; Jacob Kandler, W. J. Hoffmann, William McNulty, Board; Dean Collins, Emery Olmstead, E. E. Covert, Julius L. Meier, President Columbia River Highway Association; Thomas A. Burke, E. J. Jones, Superintendent United States Coast and Geodetic Survey; Robert Sterling Yard, Washington, D. C., National Park Service; Harold F. White, of Chicago; O. E. Helms, Ansel Clark, J. B. Yeon, Charles F. Berg, E. C. Johnson, T. H. Sherrard, Supervisor Oregon National Parks Highway Association; J. A. Ormandy, Burt W. Richards, Samuel C. Lancaster.

SCHOOLS CLEANED UP

ALL 66 BUILDINGS IN CITY RENOVATED FOR NEW TERM.

Premises Are Painted, Varminished and Declared Sanitary—Light Regulations Expected Tomorrow.

When the thousands of school children of the city take their way back to their classes tomorrow morning, many will hardly know the old places where they pursued their studies last year, for it has been the special task of the school authorities to clean and refurbish the school quarters.

The 66 school buildings of the Portland district have been renovated, cleaned, painted and varminished until there is probably not a germ to be found anywhere. The school premises are declared to be entirely sanitary, thanks to the attention given them by School Clerk Thomas' corps of janitors and special workmen.

In all other respects everything will be ready when the teaching staff of the city schools hold their annual reception tomorrow morning at 9. Teachers for the most part arrived back in the city to commence work during the early part of the past week, as an institute claimed their attention for the past two days.

Registration tomorrow will be unquestionably very light, as it is Labor day and several thousand children are scheduled to march in the parade tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The thought that this may conflict with the school opening hour will keep many of the youngsters away from registration at their classes.

It is reported that students of Franklin High School report at the old building at East Fifty-second and Division streets.

RELIGION, POLITICS ARGUED

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SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL PARKS DECLARES CRATER LAKE GREATEST FEATURE IN WORLD.



Stephen T. Mather

out of the churches. Experience has shown that, as a rule, political church argument is largely emotional argument. Happily, however, some of our ablest minds are now appealing to the electorate with fact argument. For example, Robert Blackwood, in the August Forum, undertakes to trace connection between alcohol and crime, and states, what every experienced police official knows to be true, that many criminals, when caught red-handed, plead "I was drunk" as a sympathetic "gag," hoping to get out of jail sooner. Prohibitionists associate crime with strong drink for the reason that many who commit crime drink liquor, but that does not prove that all drinkers are criminals. Most criminals are white, is the color of one's skin an indication of criminal tendencies? Ninety-nine per cent of New York State criminals have received religious instruction in their youth. Does religion make criminals? Ninety per cent of criminals in the same state can read and write, does education make criminals?

New York State has 3,000,000 adults, of whom 2,100,000 drink. Criminal statistics show but 12,293 convictions for crime, or less than 1 per cent, while 40 per cent are decent, law-abiding citizens. Are 40 per cent of liquor drinkers responsible for the weakness of will, lack of moral character or self-control of 1 per cent?

New York State statistics of crime for 1914 give 2088 convictions, of whom 851 convicts were of temperate habits, 107 intemperate and 19 unknown, a percentage of 77.7. Intemperance accounts 70-79 per cent as the Prohibitionists allege. All these figures are official. On the stock arguments of Oregon Prohibitionists is that prohibition diminishes crime. Let us consult the experience of other states. Facts are facts and emotion is emotion.

Maine has had prohibition for 60 years, yet it has an average of 93.3 sentenced prisoners per 100,000 population; North Dakota, dry 25 years, has 62 against South Dakota, wet, but 47.8. Georgia, dry for eight years, has 191.4 prisoners per 100,000 population. York, the wettest state in the Union, has only 127.3 per 100,000. These figures ought to give us pause if we are really looking for facts.

Consensus of opinion among criminologists is that the chief causes of crime are defective mentally, inherited weakness of will, insufficient or improper feeding in youth, migrants in trades and vocations and, finally, poverty. Yet some of our Prohibitionists are among those who grind the axe down to the last penny wage and extort the longest working hours and are not interested in any way in the various efforts for the social uplift. J. M. TOOMEY.

Bend Population Increases. BEND, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special).—Recent estimates of the population of Bend place it between 3700 and 4500. In the Spring a careful census was taken by the pupils of the high school under the direction of Professor G. S. White, with the result that 2305 persons were listed. The growth has been continuous since then, at least 500 new residents having come in, according to the best estimates.

Centralia Registration Short. CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special).—A total of 2852 local voters had registered when the registration books were closed last night for the primary election September 12. This is about 300 short of the maximum registration in 1915.

Lydette is picric acid melted with a little vaseline.



Official Award for Most Attractive and Interesting State Building.

STATE GETS MEDAL

Award Is for Most Attractive Building at Fair.

RECOGNITION IS DESERVED

Oregon Structure Proves to Be Most Distinctive of State Edifices at Exposition—Controversy Is Recalled.

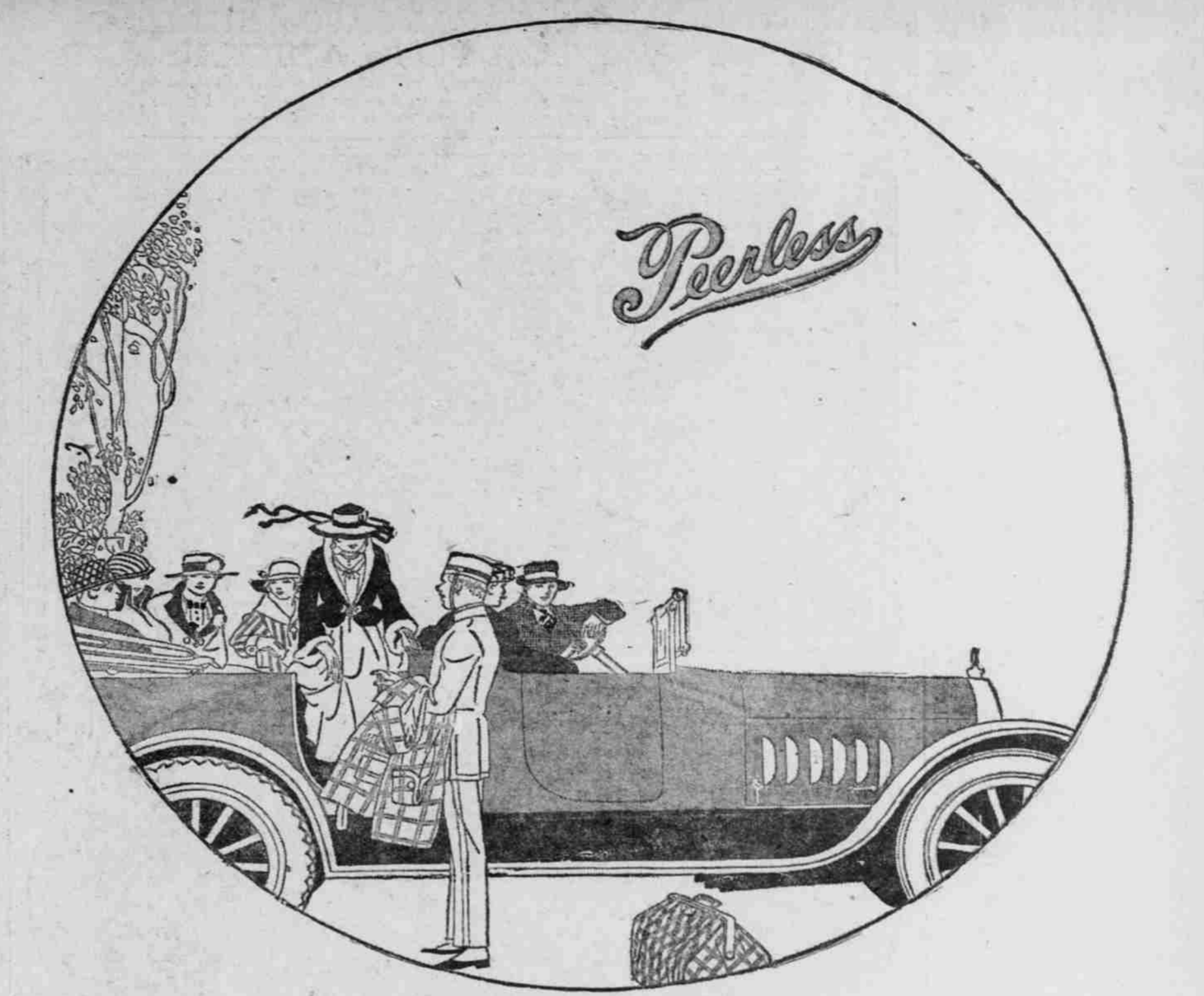
The commission representing Oregon at the Panama-Pacific Exposition yesterday received a gold medal and diploma awarded the state of Oregon for having the most attractive and interesting building of all the states represented on the fair grounds. The diploma and medal will become a part of the permanent Oregon agricultural, horticultural and mining exhibit maintained jointly by the state and the Chamber of Commerce, on the ground floor of the Oregon building.

Winning of this award, because of the circumstances under which the building was erected, brings to the members of the commission more than usual satisfaction. Adoption of plans for the big "log hut" constructed of Oregon fir, was opposed by many prominent Oregonians on the ground that it was not architecturally attractive.

Original Plans Opposed. When O. M. Clark, president of the Oregon Commission, presented the plans to the supervising architect at San Francisco, he met with still greater opposition and at one time looked as if Oregon would not be represented. Mr. Clark firmly declined to withdraw the plans or to erect any other kind of a building, on the ground in getting a compromise of all opposition by making one or two minor changes in the building.

It turned out that the Oregon building proved to be the most attractive state structure on the grounds, and attracted the largest number of visitors. When the buildings on the fair grounds were wrecked, a general protest went up from the people of San Francisco against tearing down the Oregon building. General Bell, representing the Federal Army at the Presidio, especially was anxious to obtain the building for Army use and it is rumored that it will be transferred soon to the War Department. Commissioner Clark and John F. Logan have been appointed a committee for the purpose of turning over the building when the Government is ready to accept it.

Commission Winds Up Affairs. The commission convened for the purpose of receiving a report from its treasurer and settling up its business, preparatory to rendering a final statement to the Governor. It is believed that the expenses of conducting the exhibit at the fair will just about balance the appropriations made by the state. In no event, will there be a deficit, and in this respect, Oregon is said to be one of the very few states to make such a showing.



For Eight Months No Unsold Peerless

Devoted exclusively to the production of motor cars of super-quality, Custodian of many of the industry's most creditable traditions, Cherishing a good name of peerless worth, This organization presented the latest and greatest Peerless for public approval at the first of this year. It has upheld and advanced motor car quality traditions. It has pyramided Peerless prestige. It has outsold Peerless production steadily for a longer period than any previous model. It will be continued as improved and refined. It has impelled us to double our output and we are increasing at a rate that will again double the production of this model before the end of another half year.

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Six passenger Touring Sedan . . \$2750
Seven passenger Limousine . . . \$3260
All prices f. o. b. Cleveland

H. L. KEATS AUTO CO. Broadway at Burnside St.

PEERLESS EIGHT

FINAL CONCERTS BEGIN

FERULLO'S BAND TO PLAY TODAY AND MONDAY ONLY.

Picnics and Swimming Parties Will Be Feature at Oaks Park During Two Consecutive Holidays.

The final Ferullo concerts at Oaks Park will be given today and tomorrow, Labor day, and after that Francisco Ferullo and his band will leave for the East. Ferullo has remained longer and given more consecutive concerts here than any other great musician.

RAILWAY AIDS FAIR

CASH PRIZES AND CUPS OFFERED FOR GRANTS PASS EVENT.

Agricultural Display Is Interesting Josephine County and White of Southern Oregon.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 2.—(Special).—A great degree of interest is being taken in the Josephine County Fair, to be held in Grants Pass September 19, 20 and 21, by the whole of Southern Oregon. The event bids fair to be of more than local importance.

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