

**CALIFORNIA'S LAW PROTECTS ITS TREES**

**Governor Gets Letter Telling Methods Used in South.**

**STATE CAN GET TITLE**

**Strip Along Highways May Be Acquired and Damaging Scenery Is Made Misdemeanor.**

SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The California legislature in 1915 enacted a law providing for acquisition by the state department of engineering of additional rights of way along the state highways to enable the authorities to preserve trees and other natural attractions, according to a letter received at the executive offices here today from Martin E. Madson, private secretary to Governor Stephens.

Information regarding the system of preserving the scenic attractions in California was sought by Governor Olcott following the announcement that he had appointed a committee to investigate and devise plans whereby the forests abutting the highway between Seaside and Cannon beach might be spared from destruction. This committee, Governor Olcott announced recently, will be kept intact and a meeting will be called in the near future when some definite plan of action will be outlined.

"From the outset of its work the California highway commission has encouraged the preservation of trees along the state highways, as well as the planting of new trees along the roadside," said the letter. "The various boards of supervisors, civic bodies and individuals have cordially co-operated with the commission in carrying out this policy."

**Rights May Be Acquired.**  
"In 1915 the legislature of this state adopted an act providing for additional rights of ways, which reads as follows:

"The department of engineering may acquire for and in the name of the people of the state of California, by purchase, donation, dedication or by proceedings in eminent domain, rights of way, land or trees and ground necessary for the culture and support thereof on or along the course of any state highway, within a maximum distance of 200 feet on each side of the center thereof, in any case when the acquisition of such rights of way, land and trees will be for the benefit of a state highway in aiding the maintenance and preservation of the attractions and scenic beauty thereof."

"Under the provisions of this act this department obtained a number of miles of additional rights of way along the Lake Tahoe road above Placerville for the purpose of saving the trees, which were about to be cut by lumber interests, from destruction, and the result has been that the state by its intervention has preserved a beautiful stand of trees along that highway much to the comfort and satisfaction of the traveling public."

Statutes enacted by the State of California for the preservation of scenic attractions primarily will be consulted by the Oregon commission in outlining its future plans, follow:  
"Any person who digs up, cuts down, injures or destroys any trees on any state road or highway, unless the same is deemed an obstruction by the department of engineering, its officers or employees and removed under their direction, unless such person has received a permit therefor from such department or its appropriate officers, or is otherwise lawfully entitled to dig up, cut down, injure or destroy such trees, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

**Permits Are Required.**  
"No opening shall be made in any state road or highway nor shall any structure be placed thereon, nor shall any structure which has been placed thereon be changed or renewed except in accordance with a permit from the state department of engineering or its duly authorized officers who shall exercise complete and permanent control over such roads or highways. No state road or highway shall be dug up for laying or placing pipes, conduits, sewers, wires, railways or other objects, and no tree or shrub in or on any state road or highway shall be planted, trimmed or removed, and no obstruction placed thereon without a written permit, and then only in accordance with the regulations of the department of engineering. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

"Under these two acts the California highway commission through the requirements or permits has closely regulated the cutting and trimming of trees by public service corporations and others. This commission is now co-operating with the state board of forestry in the purchase of land for the installation of a nursery for propagating trees to be planted along the state highways of California."

"The cost of acquiring a strip of timber 400 feet wide would have been immense and the funds provided for the state highway system were not adequate for such a plan. However, at that time the possibility of the cutting off of the timber for many years, if ever, appeared very remote but unexpectedly with the opening of the state highway a number of camps were installed for the cutting of the redwood trees into railroad ties and grape stakes."

**Parks are to Be Created.**  
"Some time intervened before the friends of the redwoods awakened to the fact that if the cutting continued one of the greatest natural assets of this state would be lost to the visitors to many sections of California. About a year ago a determined and organized effort was made by the board of supervisors of Humboldt county and prominent citizens of this and other states, the result of which was the raising of sufficient funds to induce the timber cutters to refrain from further cutting for a specified period of time. In the meantime plans are being made for the creation of several parks of the redwoods besides the preservation of the trees along the state highway itself."

"Not only has the commission sought to preserve the advantage the planting of trees along the state highways but it has also endeavored to protect the other natural beauties of the country traversed by the state highway system."  
"A successful campaign has also been waged against signs and other law on that subject, insofar as state highways are concerned, follows:  
"No sign, picture, transparency, advertisement or mechanical advertising device shall be placed upon or over any state highway or highway without a permit from the department of engineering or its appropriate officers, and if so placed shall be a public nuisance and may be forthwith removed from any such road or highway by the department of engineering, its officers or employees, and any

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person who shall so place the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." Mr. Madson said in his letter that the sign nuisance has been almost entirely eliminated in California, and that with strict laws regulating the destruction of forests along the highways, the state has been able to preserve its scenic attractions.

**KELSO PUPILS ARE 605**  
Attendance at School Sets Record on First Day.

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Kelso's school attendance surpasses that of last year by about 50 students at the end of the first week. The opening enrollment was a record-breaker, 605.

**FATHER AND SON MEET**

Separation of 23 Years Ends in Family Reunion at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—A father and son met yesterday for the first time in 23 years, when A. L. McDaniel of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived here to visit his father, S. I. McDaniel, of this city.

**Indians Entertain Commissioner.**

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—When the commissioner of Indian affairs, Cato Selig, visited the Nez Perce agency at Port Lapwai a few days ago, about 50 members of the Nez Perce tribe tendered him an elaborate banquet at a Lapwai hotel. Many of the Indians present were former students of Carlisle college in Pennsylvania and all of them were remarkable examples of the develop-

ment of the race into successful farmers and business men. Perhaps the most striking feature of the banquet was the address given by Stephen Reuben, a prominent Indian farmer, who has served for many years as a minister of the gospel to his tribe.

**Chamber Considers Housing.**

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—So serious has the housing problem become in Albany that the chamber of commerce will call a meeting to be held early next week to consider the situation. Every house and apartment in the city is occupied and many have living quarters in rooms in office buildings. A few new houses are being built, but the demand for dwellings is far greater than the supply. A plan may be inaugurated at this meeting to form an association of business men to build houses to meet the situation.

**Linn W. C. T. U. Elects.**

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Emma Archibald of Oakville was re-elected president of the Women's Christian Temperance union of Linn county in the annual county convention held at Sheed yesterday. Other officers were named as follows to serve for the ensuing year: Miss Grace Driver of Tangent, vice-president; Mrs. Dora Davis of Sheed, corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. G. Clark of Harrisburg, recording secretary, and Mrs. George J. Wilhelm of Harrisburg, treasurer.

**East Strong for Harding.**

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Judge and Mrs. William Randall of Mt. Pleasant are home from an extended trip through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and other eastern states. Everywhere they went in that section, Judge Randall says, he found strong Harding sentiment, and indications point to a sweeping republican victory in the eastern states generally.

**Oddfellows See State Chief.**

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—R. F. Kirkpatrick of Pendleton, grand patriarch of the grand encampment of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of Oregon, made an official visit last evening to Oregon encampment of this city. Initiatory work, a banquet and a social session were features of the meeting.

**Medford Schools Open Monday.**

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Under the new school board regime, with a new superintendent, Aubrey C. Smith, at the helm, the Medford schools will open Monday morning.

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