

CRATER LAKE PARK'S LESSEE EXONERATED

Committee Appointed by Governor Reports.

LACK OF AID IS BLAMED

Formation of Corporation to Promote Resort and Operate It in Modern Way Is Advised.

In a report filed with Governor O'Connell yesterday, a committee of citizens appointed by him some time ago to investigate conditions at Crater Lake park resort gave an exhaustive, detailed statement of findings and virtually exonerated A. L. Parkhurst, lessee, against whom charges were made by Stephen T. Mather, director of national parks. Whatever lax management may have been found, it was pointed out, is due in very large part to lack of adequate financial support.

The committee's conclusions were that Mr. Parkhurst has put in ten years and a large sum of his own funds in an effort to make Crater Lake resort what it should be, but that the burden has been too great for one man to carry alone, especially without being properly financed; that he has tried repeatedly to obtain adequate funds with which to carry on the work, but without avail, and that the federal government should expend some money there in improvement of the resort. It has done in other national parks.

Corporation Is Suggested.

That such a plan as the formation of a corporation to take over the resort and handle it in a modern way, furnishing funds sufficient to provide up-to-date facilities of all kinds, was another conclusion of the committee. There is much room for improvement, it was pointed out, and the committee believes it to be the duty of the people of Oregon to get behind Mr. Parkhurst financially and otherwise, and compensate him for the "ten years of nerve-racking toil which he has undergone," and that "the government should carry some of the burden of improving the Crater Lake situation, aside from the part which the forestry department is doing."

The committee said: "In all kindness and respect to Stephen T. Mather, your committee begs leave to express the opinion that Mr. Mather expected too much of Mr. Parkhurst under the conditions that Mr. Mather has been a little too harsh and abrupt in his handling of the situation. We realize the wonderful work that Mr. Parkhurst has accomplished for the national parks of our country, also that carrying the burden of so many national resorts, hampered as he probably is by some of the proverbial red tape of governmental operations, and that the embarrassment caused him by inadequate toilet and lighting facilities, especially while the congressional party was at Crater Lake, magnified the shortcomings of Mr. Parkhurst's management and precipitated the condition which led to the appointment of your committee."

Charges Are Reviewed. The charges against the park resort management were with regard to lack of accommodation for the traveling public, failure to complete the lodge, inadequate food supply, poor sewage and drainage, inadequate lighting facilities, etc.

As to lighting facilities the committee said it understood that \$100,000 was expended in Yosemite park, California, by the government for a system of lighting. Other inadequate accommodations the committee charged up to the fact that Crater Lake is 35 miles from the railroad and that it is impossible to guard against possible shortages in some supplies at times. Despite his difficulties, the committee pointed out, Mr. Parkhurst has built up the business from 770 guests in 1910, with a gross revenue of \$701, to 3025 in 1920 with a revenue of \$49,950.

DIXON SECOND OF PARTY

STATISTICS SHOW 3 MONTANA EX-GOVERNORS DEMOCRATS.

Future State Executive Is Native of South Carolina and Has Lived in State 29 Years.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 18.—Joseph M. Dixon of Missoula, who will take oath on January 3 as governor of Montana, will be the second republican to hold that office since the admission of the state to the Union. Joseph K. Toole, the first governor after admission, was a democrat. He served from November 8, 1889, to January 2, 1893. Ex-Governor Toole is now a resident of California.

The second governor of Montana, J. E. Richards of Silver Bow county, was a republican and he also now lives in California. His term was 1893-1897. Robert B. Smith, the third governor, was elected by a fusion of democrats and republicans and was of Beaverhead and Lewis and Clark counties. He died in Kalispell several years ago. The term he served was 1897-1901.

Mr. Toole, the state's second elected governor, was again chosen in 1909 and again in 1914, but resigned in 1908, toward the close of his second term, when Edwin L. Norris of Beaverhead became governor. Mr. Norris, also a democrat, was re-elected in 1908. He was succeeded in 1912 by Samuel V. Stewart of Missoula, who will retire to make way for Mr. Dixon after completing a second term.

All of Montana's ex-governors were lawyers except Mr. Richards, who was formerly a Methodist minister, leaving the pulpit to enter business. Governor-elect Dixon is a native of North Carolina. He came to Montana in 1891, settling in Missoula. He was admitted to the bar in 1892 and became county attorney two years later. He went to the legislature in 1900 and to Congress in 1903, serving two terms in the lower house of the national body. In 1907 he was elected to the senate, but was defeated for reelection in 1912, when he followed Theodore Roosevelt into the progressive party and was national campaign manager for that organization.

Since 1913 Mr. Dixon has been residing in Missoula or on his stock farm in Flathead county. He was for many years publisher of daily papers in Missoula and for a time the active editor. He is married and has six daughters.

Society



MRS. EMIL HENKELMAN (ESTHER KUHN) AND ATTENDANTS, ANNA HENKELMAN, ESTHER BILLETTER AND ESTHER KLATT.

A recent attractive wedding was that of Miss Esther Kuhn and Emil Henkelman, solemnized in the Baptist church at Fourth and Mill streets, Rev. Jacob Kratt officiating. About 200 guests attended. The bride wore a pretty gown of white satin with veil and orange blossoms. Her attendants, Anna Henkelman, Esther Billetter and Esther Klatt, wore yellow satin with tulle hats and bouquets of chrysanthemums. An informal reception followed the ceremony.

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decker. He went on business for his firm. On his return he entertained a few other bachelors at a stag dinner at the Nortonia where he resides. Miss Verville Blasier has returned from California, where she had been attending school.

Mrs. V. K. Strode and Mrs. Charles J. Strode and son, Wayne, left last Wednesday for Pasadena, where they will join Charles J. Strode for the winter months.

Miss Helen Tuthill will be at home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tuthill. She has been attending Stanford university the past semester.

Grace E. Hall, who is a verse writer and charming Portland woman, is visiting in California. Mrs. Hall was entertained en route at Eugene, where a score or more friends gave a party in her honor.

Mrs. Harry Fernyhough of Tacoma is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Shane Wagner. Mrs. Fernyhough is soprano soloist of Trinity Episcopal church in Tacoma. Mrs. Wagner has been ill, but is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cronin are being congratulated on the arrival of

four generations attend family reunion in Prineville.



James Cram, Mrs. Lucy Russell, Mrs. Carrie A. Wheeler and John Woodrow and Harry Theodore Cram, twins.

At an interesting family gathering in Prineville last week four generations were represented at the James Cram residence. There were Mrs. Carrie A. Wheeler, the great-grandmother, aged 77; her daughter, Mrs. Lucy E. Russell, a very young-looking grandmother, and James Cram, the father of the pretty babies, John Woodrow and Harry Theodore, twins. Mrs. Wheeler is the mother of E. N. Wheeler of this city. Mrs. Wheeler and her daughter, Mrs. Russell, reside at Ocean Park, Wash.