

CAVES IN JOSEPHINE BE IMPROVED

Expenditure of \$40,950 Is Proposed.

LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED

Forest Service Places Iron Ladders For Use of Tourists—10,000 Visitors in Summer Expected.

GRANTS Pass, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—In cooperation with the federal government, the state has completed a road costing \$139,000, with an additional contract recently awarded for \$29,000 covering the cost of three miles to connect the Caves highway with the Crescent City highway, throwing open to the public an attraction that will be visited, it is estimated, by 10,000 tourists next summer.

The forest service has, at the request of the chamber of commerce, which is backing the proposition, submitted to the commercial organization proposed expenditures totaling \$40,950 to be used in lighting and improving the caves and vicinity.

This amount is nearly \$19,000 in excess of that provided in an appropriation bill which will be pressed on congress. Under the proposal, the following amounts would be spent: lighting system, \$3,000; water and sewage system, \$6,000; shelter, guide's house, \$1,000; visitor's house, \$10,000; camping facilities, \$1,000; auto park, \$5,000; trail system, \$10,000 and for further exploration of the caves, \$600.

Trails Lead to Scenery.

The lighting system as proposed calls for a flame, turbine generator, and a general wiring and lighting of the interior of the caves. Nearly 2000 feet of 1 1/2-inch pipe is planned to carry water to various hydrants, comfort stations and septic tanks. The visitor's house would consist of a large lobby, two rooms or grillars, and 10 or 12 sleeping apartments. Additional shelter is provided for in cottages in connection with the main building.

As the country surrounding the caves is rough and steep, the chamber of commerce is seeking to have an additional tunnel or grillar, as included in the Siskiyou National forest, located upon the Caves highway. More ground will have to be cleared at the Caves proper to make room for campers.

Several scenic trips are available with more trails. The divide three miles east of the Caves monument is more than 5000 feet high, with peaks running up to 7000 feet. From the summit of this divide, the Pacific ocean, Coast and Siskiyou mountains and Mount Shasta can be seen. It is to open this country to the tourist that more trails are sought.

Improvements Held Essential.

From the fact that a good-sized stream comes out of a small crevice in the lower Caves, and also from the formation and the geology of this country, it is inferred that there are many undiscovered chambers and passages. A competent person will be asked to make a careful survey of the interior of the Caves to decide if exploration would pay. Also it is planned to have the Caves guide extend some of the passages which are blocked and which appear as if they could be opened.

The forest service this winter is spending \$2000 for the installation of iron ladders for the benefit of the tourist, many of which have already been put in place.

All the improvements mentioned are recommended by the forest service because they are considered essential for the safety, health and convenience of the public. No attempt will be made to "landscape" the grounds, or to try for artificial effects.

DAIRY PROJECT THRIVES

LEWIS-PACIFIC ORGANIZATION SHOWS GREAT PROGRESS.

Operations Covering Less Than Year at Chehalis Factory Indicate Big Future.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lewis-Pacific Dairyman's association, held in Chehalis, attracted a large attendance, there being upwards of 200 members of the organization present out of a total of approximately 800.

This organization last April began the operation of a butter and cheese factory at a \$250,000 plant at Chehalis. From April 19 to December 31, 23,270,991 pounds of whole milk was handled and 126,513 pounds of butterfat. The average price paid for milk during the period was \$1.77 the hundred. The lowest price paid at any time was \$1.25, the top price \$2.00. Butterfat hauls of 3.3 milk. An average price of 40 cents a pound was paid for butterfat. During the period, the local plant has operated, totaling 1,087,410 pounds, its value being \$71,970.

Bonds amounting to \$10,000, issued for erection of the Chehalis factory, became due yesterday and payment was made to all corners.

YOUTH'S BODY DUE TODAY

Corvallis to Pay Tribute to Billy Lambert, 15, Slain in Argonne.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The body of Billy Lambert is expected to arrive here tomorrow from overseas for burial. Billy Lambert was a member of company K of Corvallis. He was only 15 years of age. Though he was the only survivor of a widowed mother, Billy wanted to go with the company and his mother consented. He was killed in the Argonne offensive. Billy's mother had a strenuous time supporting herself and it came to the attention of the veterans of foreign wars several months ago that she had not yet received Billy's insurance. The boys got busy at once and in a short time she received \$2000 and will get \$47.34 a month for the next 18 years. When it was learned that Billy's body was coming home, there was an immediate call for a reunion of company K. The following details were

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National Conclave for 1925 Is Sought.

DIFFICULTY IS IN WAY

Because Great Majority of Membership Is in Mississippi Valley, Traveling Is Handicap.

POSTMASTER LOSES JOB

Inability to Prove Citizenship Ousts Tenino Incumbent.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Because he could not prove to the satisfaction of the civil service commission that he is an American citizen, Wilson Howe, postmaster at Tenino for the last six years, has lost his chance for reappointment, although he passed recent examinations with honors. Mr. Howe's citizenship slip-up was due to the fact that he was naturalized automatically when his father took out naturalization papers, and the slip could not produce his father's papers.

William Mitter, the only other applicant to pass the examinations, was recommended by Representative Johnson Thursday for appointment to succeed Mr. Howe.

MODERN WOODMEN OFFICIALS, WHO MAY HELP BRING 1925 CONVENTION HERE.



LEFT TO RIGHT—A. R. TALBOT, HEAD CONSUL; J. G. TATE, HEAD AUDITOR; H. V. REES, PACIFIC COAST DEPUTY HEAD CONSUL.

national gathering of the order for Portland in 1925, according to plans announced in connection with the joint installation and banquet held by five Multnomah county camps at Turner hotel last Wednesday night. Official invitations of Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker were sent to A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, Neb., head consul of the lodge.

Although the great majority of the membership of the Modern Woodmen lies in the Mississippi valley, Mr. Talbot has agreed to give Oregon's invitation every consideration. The fact that the order has never held its national convention in the west is ground enough to warrant the holding of the head camp in the exposition city in 1925, local members declare. They express every intention of pressing their case for full consideration at every opportunity.

CHAMBER CHIEF RESIGNS

Astoria Man Quits Job Because of Klan Agitation.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—W. P. O'Brien, manager of the Astoria Box company, who has been serving as president of the Astoria chamber of commerce the past year, today tendered his resignation to the directors as a result of agitation in the community aroused by the Ku Klux Klan.

In his letter tendering his resignation, Mr. O'Brien said: "The lies and forgeries circulated in the name of the Ku Klux Klan, and the desecration of the graves of the finest words in the language used in the country, it is inferred that there are many undiscovered chambers and passages. A competent person will be asked to make a careful survey of the interior of the Caves to decide if exploration would pay. Also it is planned to have the Caves guide extend some of the passages which are blocked and which appear as if they could be opened.

SHOPS TO BE ENLARGED

Southern Pacific Plans to Spend \$350,000 in South Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Improvements to cost approximately \$350,000 are being planned for the South Tacoma shops of the Northern Pacific company. Details of the extension and enlargement of the shops are pending before the board of directors at St. Paul, according to Superintendent Lyndon of the shops.

Increasing the capacity of the machine and boiler shops, and modernizing the equipment, and the construction of new buildings in the shops yards are among the improvements being considered.

\$20,000 Farm Sold.

LEBANON, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—One of the largest real estate deals concluded here in recent months was completed this week, when C. W. Bogart of this city acquired the Mart Geoman farm of 112 acres north of Lebanon on the Albany road. This is one of the finest farms in this vicinity and has modern improvements, including a water and electric light system. The consideration was \$20,000. In the deal Mr. Geoman got the fine home of Mr. Rogart in this city and two other small residences previously owned by the Geoman family. Since the first of the year the real estate sales in this vicinity have picked up considerably.

NOTED PIANIST TO ARRIVE IN PORTLAND SOON.

Olga Steeb, former Portland resident and now a noted concert pianist, will appear here at the auditorium February 2 as one of the three principal artists in the Griffes group, one of the attractions of the Elwyn artist series.

Miss Steeb has gained a fame accorded to but very few women pianists. Before the war she astonished Berlin by playing in nine different concerts in ten consecutive days with leading orchestras in that European musical center. Her artistry in the Griffes group, which she can play from memory.

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President Kerr to Speak.

The conference is intended to bring about a wider use and better practice of agricultural and home economics, as specifically stated by George E. Farrell, in charge of the boys' and girls' club work for the

department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., who arrived in the city yesterday morning.

The opening address tomorrow will be made by W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, and will be followed by a talk on the organization of extension forces to reach the rural people, delivered by Dr. C. R. Smith, chief of the office of extension work of the department of agriculture.

Talks on the best methods of reaching the farmers with information on improved methods will be given by three men on three different phases of the problem. W. M. Cook, director of extension in Arizona, will talk on disseminating information through farmers' organizations; Bond McCann, director of extension in Colorado, will approach the subject along the angle of using the county government; and H. H. Crocker, director of extension in California, will explain how the work should be done where civic organizations, clubs, etc., are used as media for the exchange of agricultural information.

Directors Are to Meet.

In the evening there will be a meeting of the extension directors, one from each state to be present.

Monday afternoon will be devoted to sectional conferences on county agent work. Three of these conferences will be held, the delegates being divided up according to the states they represent. County agent work, home demonstration work and boys and girls' club work will be taken up at these three conferences and reports will then be submitted at later sessions when all attendants are present.

On February 2 and 3 the visitors will take a tour to examine the extension work being carried on in all counties between Portland and Corvallis, and a visit of inspection will be made to the Oregon Agricultural college.

All sessions of the conference held in Portland will be at the Multnomah hotel.

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