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PRESIDENT TO BE PORTLAND'S GUEST

Chief Expected to Unveil Roosevelt Statue.

EXECUTIVE EAGER FOR TRIP

Journey to Alaska Also Is Part of Programme.

ASSURANCE GIVEN DR. COE

Dedication Ceremony, if Necessary, Will Be Deferred Till Mr. Harding Can Participate.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 1.—President Harding displayed all the enthusiasm of a boy today as he assured Dr. Henry Waldo Coe of Portland of his sincere desire to get out to Portland this summer and deliver a week before the unveiling of the Roosevelt statue.

"I am certainly going to Portland, I am certainly going to Portland," the president exclaimed, just like a youth speaks of his vacation a week before it arrives. Then the president named other cities in the northwest that he wished to visit and spoke of his intention to make a trip to Alaska, all of which, of course, he explained, is on condition that congress adjourns in time for him to get away.

The president made it clear, however, that his heart was set on his trip to the Pacific coast as the next big event of his life.

TWO MILLIONS PAID FOR TIMBER TRACT

RECORD GRAYS HARBOR DEAL REPORTED CLOSED.

BARON KATO ALSO PRESENT

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HOQUIAM, Wash., April 1.—What is said to be the largest deal ever consummated in the timber business on Grays Harbor was completed here today, when William E. Boeing and associates of Seattle sold 600,000,000 feet of timber at the head of the Hoquiam river to H. J. Miller of the Miller Lumber & Logging company of Everett for a consideration said to have been more than \$2,000,000, mostly cash. The timber is mostly fir.

Miller purchased the tract for immediate logging, and surveys have been completed for a railroad from the tract into Hoquiam, a distance of about eight miles. Booming privileges have been obtained from the Lytle Logging company for the east branch of the Hoquiam river, into which the logs will be dumped. It is understood to be the intention of the new owners to log 50,000,000 feet annually.

The tract of timber was bought in the early days from entrymen for the father of William E. Boeing by J. W. Fordney, present chairman of the house ways and means committee.

A second big deal in timber was negotiated between the government and M. H. Smith & Co. of Seattle where by 265,000,000 feet of timber in the Indian reservation north of here was sold at a price said to have been approximately \$650,000, of which a small part was understood to have been paid down. The contract specifies that logging operations must start during the next year.

Still another timber deal which will stimulate logging activities in the county was the sale of the Hobi Logging company's outfit to B. F. Johnson of South Bend. Immediate logging of this stand of 40,000,000 feet in the North river country was announced.

JAPAN'S MAT MEN AMUSE VOYAGERS

Boosters for Fair See Wrestling on Steamer.

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BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.
ON BOARD S. S. TAIYO MARU,
March 16.—(Special.)—A night ago, the better to cheat the voyage of its tedium, there squatted on the promenade deck two dozen wrestlers of the ship's crew, stripped to the waist and shining like bronze. Wrestling holds a high place in the affections of Japan, and that which the passengers saw was really a bit of the kingdom transferred to an ocean setting—a phase of their nationalism venerable with many centuries and ceremonials older than the record.

Yet it did not lack an element of humor, for the Nipponese are jokers at their sport, and can summon a laugh when everything goes dead wrong with the favorite, a trait that the occident might cultivate to its advantage. In the garb of seamen they had a semblance of the clumsy, inept, but with their blouses off and keen for the contest they made one grope for Rippling's phrases as "trod the ring like a buck in spring, and looked like a lance at rest."

It should be admitted that the Japanese spectators had a distinct advantage over those of other lands, in comprehension of the strange byplay and observance that characterized the bout. Why should each wrestler as he stepped into the circle of canvas place hand to thigh, and raising high his foot, bring first one sole and then the other flatly to the deck? The gesture was grotesque but clearly essential—as essential as the strangle-ropes of the referee or the symbolic wooden fan he carried.

Names Chosen Whimsically.
With whimsical humor of a western sort they had chosen outland names for themselves. Monkey being matched against Bulldog; Beefsteak against Curry Rice; and, more seriously, Tokohama against Kobe and Manila against Hongkong. Butter was billed to engage with Cheese and Orange must strive with Lemon. Parenthetically it should be said that Butter proved stronger than Cheese, winning two straight falls.

There was an announcer, aside from the referee, who, with fan extended, shrilled the introductions and called the grinning athletes from the squatting circle. Apparently he voiced the Japanese rendition of "On my right, gentleman, Young Jim Corbett, welterweight champion of the world!"

But what he cried sounded strangely like a charmed invocation, ending in the oddly garbled but familiar name of the contestant. "O-o-o-r-r-r-ange." And Orange, almost as golden of hide, rose with one little movement to his feet and made obeisance to Lemon, likewise summoned. Each turned to the box of salt in his corner, caught up a pinch and touched tongue to it, scattering the remainder on the canvas. Purification. Courage. A tribute to fate.

Combat Is Swift.
Squatted amiably, eye to eye, they dropped to their knuckles and crouched for combat at the sharp command of the robed referee. Between them he cast the silken tassel of his fan cord and drew it slowly toward him. It marked the moment as it left the mat. But Lemon, with a laugh and a wave of the hand, (Continued on Page 6, Column 3.)

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