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GOOD ROADS CONVENTION AT ROSEBURG JUNE 29

Members of the National Good Roads Association Will Attend. Interesting Program Arranged.

A meeting of the national Good Roads Association is to be held in Roseburg June 29. Preparatory to this contemplated first meeting, Wellington E. Loucks, of St. Louis, Mo., organizer for the National Good Roads Association, was in Roseburg Tuesday and called a public meeting at the court house in the afternoon which was attended by the business and professional men of Roseburg and a few farmers. The object of the meeting was to arrange for a Good Roads Convention to be held in Roseburg Thursday June 29, under the auspices of the National Good Roads Association.

Experts in every department of good roads building are with this party, which has just held very successful conventions at Walla Walla, Pendleton, Hood River and other points. At the latter place the convention is said by Mr. Loucks to have been the largest and most enthusiastic he has ever seen in a town the size of Hood River.

Following soon after the convention here it is proposed to hold similar meetings at Medford and at various points in the Willamette valley, ending with a routing state convention on good roads at Salem. These conventions are to be followed next year with practical demonstrations of good road and street building by the National Good Roads Train, which carries all the necessary appliances for doing such work and handled by experienced operators.

When the conventions are held, members of the National Association go out over the adjacent roads, examine their needs and the quality of the materials available for their improvement and give instructions as to how the improvement should be made and estimate its probable cost.

When the meeting was convened Louis Barzee acted as chairman and Morris Webber as secretary.

It was decided to invite the association to hold a convention here on June 29th. It will include three sessions, to-wit: At 10 o'clock a. m., 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. There will be at least 14 expert roadmen in the party, who will not only tell how to build good roads, but will go over the adjacent roads, examine

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BUNCO TRICK ON A KLAMATH MAN

U. S. Merrill, a commissioner of Klamath county, who has been visiting at the Lewis and Clark Fair was a victim of bunco men in Portland last week.

Mr. Merrill met the usual, suave pleasant stranger on Washington street. Strolling along two blocks above the city hall, the pleasant young stranger began looking in the grass along the sidewalk for a four-leaf clover. He had poor success with the clover, but suddenly found a lock. It looked something like a lock that guarded the old henhouse door back in Klamath county.

The two examined it, and Mr. Merrill was unable to open it; his new-made friend had better success. While both were looking with amazement, trying to find by what strange magic the lock had been opened, a stranger walked up, threw open his coat and displayed a large star.

"I am an officer," said he, "and I place you both under arrest."

"How much money have you?" asked the man with the star. "You'll have to go to jail or put up bail money for your appearance in court."

A RECORD OF FAST TRAIN RUNS

With reference to the run of the "Pennsylvania Special," the new fast train between New York and Chicago noted in our last issue, we give the following table of some great runs by American and foreign trains in recent years.

Table with 2 columns: Train Name, Time/Distance. Includes Pennsylvania Special (June 8, Chicago to Pittsburg, 463.0 63), Twentieth Century Limited, Oct 20, 1904, Buffalo to Chicago, 540.0 65, Empire State Express, July 10, 1904, New York to Buffalo, 440.0 70, Michigan Central, April 27, 1904, Niagara Falls to Windsor, 225.5 70, London & Northwestern R. R., London to Aberdeen, 533.0 60, London & Northwestern R. R., London to Carlisle, 300.0 55, Orleans & Midi, Paris to Bayonne, 486.0 64, Great Northern & Northeastern, London to Edinburgh, 493.0 51, London & Edinburgh, London to Glasgow, 401.0 50.

One of the most wonderful short runs ever made was by "The Twentieth Century Limited" on the Lake Shore Road in May 1903, when it traveled 44 miles at the rate of eighty-eight miles an hour, six miles at the rate of ninety miles an hour and seven miles at the rate of 86.4 miles an hour. On this run the same train maintained a speed of 66.12 miles an hour for 241 miles and 70.2 miles an hour for 133 miles. The trial trip of the "Pennsylvania Special" last week was another marvelous run considering the distance. The train covered 463 miles in 440 minutes.

Still Smashing Records. Chicago, June 19.—The first west-bound trip on an 18-hour basis made by the Twentieth Century Limited over the Lake Shore Railroad was finished five minutes ahead of time. The train was due here from New York at 8:30 a. m., and glided into the La Salle street station at 8:25. The train averaged one to five minutes ahead of the schedule all the way. The average running time for the entire distance was 53 1-3 miles an hour. Outside of stops, the train occupied 17 hours and nine minutes in making the journey between New York and Chicago.

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Portland, June 20.—Compelled to fight for his liberty and honor after serving the commonwealth of Oregon in the highest council of the Nation for the past 25 years, Senator John Mitchell appeared this morning with grim determination expressed in every feature to the last ditch, using every possible means allowed by the law to escape conviction on the counts of the Kribs' indictment, charging that Senator Mitchell used his public office for private gain, is the announced policy of the defense, and the aged statesman showed that he is game to the last, and will never strike his flag to the enemy.

A son, bearing the name of his distinguished father, and a son in law, have come long distances to lend moral support to their distressed relative, and will remain in Portland during the course of the trial, and the sifting of the allegations against their kinsman. The son-in-law comes from a new-made grade of his wife, whose death it is alleged, was largely caused by the indictment of her father.

The distinguished defendant showed intense interest in all the proceedings today, and watched the initial steps in the trial with careful eyes. He held short, whispered consultations with his attorneys and relatives, and frequently regarded the roomful of jurors with eager interest. The choosing of the 12 is being effected this afternoon, and by to-morrow the trial will be in full swing.

Courtroom Crowded. Only jurors, attorneys, newspapermen and those having urgent business within the room was taken. Senator Mitchell arrived early and took his accustomed seat beside his attorney, ex-Senator John M. Thurston. Seated with him was Judge A. S. Bennett, of the Dalles, associated with Senator Thurston in the defense.

The aged Senator appeared unflinching and at peace with himself and the world. As he came in he nodded to a veteran who sat on a front seat, and the sign of recognition was returned. During the hearing of excuses by Judge De Haven, the gray haired Senator scanned the faces of the jurymen as they filed up asking to be relieved from duty, weighing apparently, his chances of acquittal at the hands of this body of honest farmers.

Beside the indicted Senator sat his son, John H. Mitchell, Jr. who has come all the way from St. Paul, Minn., to lend what assistance he can to his father. He is an attorney, but will not be associated with Senator Thurston and Judge Bennett in the defense. With the group of those interested in the defense also sat Judge Chapman, of Tacoma, son-in-law of Senator Mitchell. Judge Chapman's wife died a few weeks ago in Tacoma, and it was believed that the worry occasioned by the indictment and approaching trial of her father was one of the principal causes of her death.

United States District Attorney Francis J. Heney sat next to Senator Thurston. With him was W. J. Burns, secret service agent, and W. W. Banks, deputy United States District Attorney. When court opened Attorney C. F. Lord arose and addressed Judge De Haven, reminding him of his promise to set his case for trial as soon as possible, and asking when it could come. Mr. Lord was indicted with John Hall et al., charged with attempting to impede the course of justice and to injure the reputation of Francis J. Heney. Judge De Haven said he would try to so arrange the calendar that Lord might have a hearing next Monday.

The Trial is On. Portland, June 21.—The trial of Senator John H. Mitchell began yesterday in the United States Court. It was lacking in anything sensational, but it was not devoid of interest. It resulted in the selection of the jury, after nearly eight hours of effort, that will decide upon the guilt or innocence of the defendant. It demonstrated what was not thought to be possible—that out of 25 men drawn from the box, 12 could be chosen without opinion or prejudice to try the merits of this, one of the most important cases that ever came before an Oregon tribunal.

Jury is Chosen. The jury was chosen yesterday afternoon after an effort lasting from 2 o'clock until 5:30; when court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the charge will be made to the jury by Mr. Heney, the case of the defense will be outlined by either Judge Bennett or Senator Thurston, and the introduction of evidence will begin.

for Mitchell accepted fees from Chinese merchants of Portland for appearing before the department of commerce and labor to secure the admission to immigrants. Also that he secured lien lands for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company from the general land office for a fee and at the same time was a stockholder of the company.

Judge Bennett's Defense. The aged defendant listened to the accusations without moving a muscle. Judge Bennett for Senator Mitchell followed Heney. He stated that "Senator Mitchell is essentially careless in his habits. He trusted almost everything here to Judge Tanner. During all this time, Senator Mitchell was a very busy man. When Oregon interests were up, appropriations demanded here at home, Senator Mitchell was the man we looked for to do it. And you, gentlemen of the jury, know that whenever Oregon citizens wanted private matters attended to, Senator Mitchell was the man written to and brought to accomplish it. He did all these things and had more time for other men's business than for his own. He did not know that during this time any fees were being taken where he had no right to take fees. If he was a grafter he could have been fabulously rich, but he is not, and while we will not claim that he is an angel, we do assert that his record is as spotless as that of 29 out of every 100 men in public life in this country."

"As time ran on it seems that certain Oregon men entered with Eastern men in conspiring to defraud the Government of its public lands. Among these was F. A. Kribs, the Government's star witness in this case. John Hall, United States District Attorney, secured the indictments of several of the Pater-McKinley-Ware ring. He did this quietly, without appealing to the newspapers or making any grandstand demonstrations."

Judge Bennett referred to the appointment of F. J. Heney as assistant to Mr. Hall, but an objection was made to his remarks along this line by Heney, which was sustained by Judge De Haven. An exception was taken by counsel for defense.

"What we intend to show," said Judge Bennett, "is that personal enmity on the part of Mr. Heney has led to the persecution of Senator Mitchell. All the Puters, Ware, McKinleys et al have been allowed to go scot-free. Kribs is not even under indictment. All these have promised to tell something, and if they tell something satisfactory to Mr. Heney they will go without punishment."

It is not true that Mitchell ever talked personally with Kribs or had any direct knowledge of the Kribs matter. It is not true that Senator Mitchell ever asked anyone to swear falsely. But it is true that the only thing wrong Senator Mitchell ever did was to change the original contract. He was getting to be an old man. He will be 70 years old tomorrow. He understood that a border of Government detectives were after him to blemish his reputation, and fearing unfriendly newspapers, he did consent to a change in the contract as alleged.

"I do not know whether you will be disposed to look upon this act harshly, but Senator Mitchell never knowingly or intentionally violated any law of the United States Government."

Mitchell wears black, and looks saddened over the death of two daughters in the past few months. Certainly he has been punished by hard luck, and can say with Cardinal Woolsey, "If I had served my God all my life with half the zeal I have served the people he would not have abandoned me to mine enemies in my old age."

REPORTS FROM OREGON FARMS

The weather during the past week has been quite favorable for the growing crops. In some few localities late sown wheat and oats would be benefited by more rain, and owing to the dry weather or grass on the low land ranges in the interior counties is turning brown, but it is still green and abundant in the foothills and mountains. Stock generally is in excellent condition. Fall wheat is filling nicely and fall barley is ripening and will soon be ready to cut. Spring wheat continues to make satisfactory progress, and oats, although not in so good condition as spring wheat, look promising. The grain aphid is disappearing, and no great damage has been done by this pest. Haying has begun and will become general in a week or two. Much clover, vetch and alfalfa has already been secured, and the hay crop generally promises to be an average one, if not better. Hops are arising and show considerable improvement since last report. The yards are well cultivated, but on account of missing hills and uneven growth yields are expected to be less than usual. Early potatoes are in the market. Cherries are ripe and the crop is below the average, being good in some localities and almost a failure in others. Strawberry picking is nearly finished, and the crop turned out to be below the average in quantity, but about as usual in quality.

Chautauqua Rates.

"The Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly will be held at Ashland, Ore., July 12th to 21st, inclusive. Reduced rates have been made by the Southern Pacific Co., on the certificate plan, from points on Oregon lines. This Assembly promises to be of unusual interest. Among the prominent speakers will be Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, Dr. Wm. A. Quaker and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. Special attention will be given the Musical Department. The Assembly building has been enlarged to double its former capacity, making ample accommodations for all." J1

DOUGLAS COUNTY IS WAKING UP TO ITS INTERESTS

Will Soon Have a Very Creditable Exhibit at Portland Fair. Will Issue 25,000 Circulars

Douglas County has at last awakened to the fact that it is necessary to do something or remain the laughing stock of the entire state on account of the poor showing at the Exposition. Colonel D. S. K. Buick, in charge of the exhibit, arrived in this city last week, and the committee in charge of the funds immediately held a meeting, at which Mr. Buick's report and seeing that it was necessary to raise, placed M. F. Wright in charge of the work at this end to collect and forward exhibits at Portland. Mr. Buick will remain in charge of the exhibit, and will be assisted by one or two young men. The services of a hostess will be dispensed with, and 25,000 descriptive circulars will be printed immediately and sent to Portland for distribution. Mr. Wright has already collected a fine lot of grasses, grain and fruits, and will make a large shipment of exhibits to Mr. Buick immediately, part of which went west last night.

M. F. Wright and E. H. Lenox made a trip in the county south-west of Roseburg as far as Brockway and returned by the way of Dillard, collecting specimens of grains and grasses for exhibit purposes Tuesday. Many fine specimens of grains were collected and are now being prepared to be immediately forwarded to the Douglas County booth at Portland's big Exposition. At Winston wheat, oats and vetch were secured from the farm of Geo. Brosi, and a fine sheaf of barley from Geo. Smith, fine samples of Italian Ryegrass and orchard grass were secured on the Ben Agee place.

At the Winston fruit farm all is bustle and bustle, there being over 30 young men employed in picking Royal Ann cherries for shipment to the Portland cannery company who have contracted the entire cherry crop of this fine orchard. Mr. Winston donated a fine box of these excellent cherries, which were shipped to Portland Tuesday night. At the B. E. Brockway place a fine sheaf of well headed oats standing over seven feet high was secured from a small field of about three acres. Fine samples of Johnson wheat and bearded club wheat were secured from the farms of H. R. Challener and William Baxton. At Dillard G. W. Gage has a 50-acre field of white Defiance wheat, which will average 6 feet in height, and which experts say will yield 50 bushels to the acre. A very large sheaf of this excellent wheat was secured, as was also a fine sample of the same grade of wheat from the field of M. Morris. Barley and orchard grass were secured from the B. C. Miller place, and Bearded Club wheat from the fields of Japhia Green. Ben Lawrence allowed the solicitors to search his corn crib and a few fine ears of yellow corn were secured but not a fair sample of that grown by Mr. Lawrence, as he stated that his supply of corn had been called out for at least 50 times.

At the David Lenox place several fine limbs of bearing English walnuts were secured. When the solicitors returned to Roseburg their back was loaded down with fine samples of Douglas county products and they stated that they were royally received and treated by all the farmers they visited and were assisted as much as could be expected by people who are as busily engaged as the farmer is at this season of the year.

It will be impossible to visit all the farms in this county but if all the farmers who can will bring large sheaves of grain and liberal samples of fruit to those in charge of the work at Roseburg Douglas county will surely redeem itself at the big fair.

Leave all samples for exhibition purposes at either the Plaindealer or Review office. Remember the shipment of fruits and flowers to be sent to Portland Monday night and bring in a sample of your fruit and flowers.

INDIAN CELEBRATION AND COUNCIL

The Indians of the Klamath Reservation are arranging for a Fourth of July celebration at the Wood River camp ground. The committee invites everyone in the states of Oregon and California to attend. The time is set for the annual council to be held at the camp ground, this date being July 5th; all of the Klamath, Modoc tribe and the Ya-hookin band of Snake River Indians, will be present at the council duly organized in the regular way.

AUTO "OLD SCOUT" AT PORTLAND

Portland, June 22.—Messrs. Huse and Weigel arrived in Portland at one o'clock today in the automobile "Old Scout", from New York, completing the trip in 44 days 3 hours and 29 minutes. The second automobile is three days behind.

The laxative effect of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets is so reasonable and so natural that you do not realize it is the effect of a medicine. For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

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Advertisement for Farm Implements, featuring the Celebrated Bain Wagon, Milwaukee and Osburn mowers and binders, Victor rakes, feed cutters, rolling disc plows and harrows. Also harness and saddles a specialty. Beard & Culver, the hardware dealers.

Advertisement for Marsters' Drug Co., listing various products such as drugs, patent medicines, perfumes, soaps, toilet articles, rubber goods, stationary school supplies, window glass, lime, and cement, and all kinds of sprays. Also lists paints, oil, and varnish.

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