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Will Discuss Bad Road Crossings

Much interest will be taken by the people of this section in a conference which will be held in Portland, Ore., on Thursday, November 23, under the direction of the Public Service Commission of Oregon for the discussion and investigation of the elimination and protection of crossings of railroads and public highways at a common grade. Because of the fact that in the Billings crossing this part of Jackson county has a crossing as dangerous if not more dangerous than any in the state, and because all that seems to stand between the present dangerous state of the crossing and a safe undergrade crossing is red tape or unwillingness in some quarter not apparent to the public, this section will probably find a way to bring the matter to the attention of the commission. Since the money is available and the county court has often expressed its willingness to go ahead with the building of the new crossing, no doubt the service commission could investigate and arrive at the source of impediment to progress and remove whatever cause is holding the construction back.

In regard to the conference the commission says in part:

"Statistics show that accidents are increasing yearly at grade crossings, and this subject is receiving earnest consideration and attention generally throughout the country. In this state there are approximately 2,800 grade crossings, 96 per cent of which have no protection other than the ordinary standard highway crossing warning sign. In the last eight years there have been on these crossings many accidents, 147 of them attended with serious injury, and forty of which have resulted in death.

"With a view of obtaining information and suggestions looking toward the necessary legislative action to provide for the elimination of these crossings wherever possible, or the installation of more adequate safeguards, we are requesting state, county, municipal and railroad officials, and all who may be interested, to meet with us and lend their aid toward the enactment of such measures as in the opinion of the conference may be available."

Medford—Irrigation of 16,000 acres in Sams valley is projected, involving the expenditure of \$200,000.

Portland—October bank clearings aggregate \$79,605,993, the largest in the city's history.

Coos county plans the expenditure of \$600,000 in 1917 on permanent road improvements.

Newport—Auto road to Siletz bay is being opened.

Government Crop Report Issued

Washington, D. C., November 8.—A summary of preliminary estimates of crop production for the state of Oregon and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows.

Wheat—State: October estimate, 17,457,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 20,025,000 bushels. United States: October estimate, 607,557,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,011,505,000 bushels.

Oats—State: October estimate, 17,184,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 16,060,000 bushels. United States: October estimate, 1,229,182,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,540,362,000 bushels.

Barley—State: October estimate, 4,966,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 4,680,000 bushels. United States: October estimate, 13,536,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 237,009,000 bushels.

Potatoes—State: Estimate this year, 7,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 5,520,000 bushels. United States: Estimate this year, 289,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 359,103,000 bushels.

Hay—State: September estimate, 1,973,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 1,870,000 tons. United States: September estimate, 86,155,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 85,225,000 tons.

Apples—State: Estimate this year, 1,280,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 1,043,000 barrels. United States: Estimate this year, 67,700,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 76,670,000 barrels.

Prices—The first price given is the average on November 1 this year, and the second, the average on November 1 last year: State: Wheat, 120 and 84 cents per bushel. Corn, 76 and 80. Oats, 43 and 36. Potatoes, 81 and 52. Hay, \$10 and \$8.70 per ton. Eggs, 37 and 32 cents per dozen. United States: Wheat, 158 and 93.1 cents per bushel. Corn, 85 and 61.9 cents. Oats, 49 and 34.9 cents. Potatoes, 136 and 60.8 cents. Hay, \$10.68 and \$10.83 per ton. Eggs, 32 and 26.3 cents per dozen. Cotton, 18 and 11.6 cents per pound.

Jack Bailey, who has been employed on the land grant survey and classification crew, returned to his home here Friday.

Grants Pass has let a \$76,443 contract to a Portland firm for its new court house.



AND THIS IS THE HOUSE THAT ANITA BUILT.

America's Daintiest Actress Realizes Ambition in Erection of Queen Anne Cottage in Country.

All the inhabitants of Brightwaters, Long Island, can tell you where to find the little Queen Anne cottage that harbors the screen's daintiest little star, Anita Stewart.

"The Wood Violet" is the name of the house which Miss Stewart has built with her earnings as a star for the Vitagraph Company. She chose this name because it was the title of her first success in the pictures—the film that gave her a start in her climb to stardom.

This house, which is furnished with exquisite taste, is the realization of the little star's dream. She has always wanted a home where she could rest with her mother after the day's work at the studio and where she might entertain her friends.

During the erection of the house Miss Stewart visited the grounds daily, superintending the workmen. When the last beam was put in place and the final daub of paint had been applied to the shingles, she set about to purchase the furnishings which were to make the empty rooms cozy

and homelike.

"The Wood Violet" has a bright sun parlor which is furnished in wicker; a large living room with an immense fireplace; the dining room is done in Delf blue; a white tiled kitchen on the first floor is most completely fitted out with electrical appliances.

Each room's decorations and furnishings are the result of much study and thought on the part of the dainty star, who spent days and days touring the shops with her mother.

When questioned about her home, Miss Stewart said: "Now, don't start me talking about that dear house, or you'll have to stay here in the studio all night. 'The Wood Violet' is my one and only hobby, and I love every beam and lath. It is worth waiting for all these years, and both mother and myself are happy to say goodbye to hotels and take up our quiet life in that delightful cottage. Never before did I really realize the true depth of the words 'Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.' But the most wonderful part of it all is that I have earned it myself—But I'll have to stop or else my enthusiasm will carry me away."

And despite all pleadings she refused to be questioned further.

History of Motion Picture Industry

By Beatriz Micheleno



Heretofore the mighty and the famous. The advent of the celluloid film picture industry had been marked by the breaking of the seed through the soil. At first it was a very small plant, and everyone uncertain as to its sturdiness of fibre and precociousness toward growth. But the main point was established. It now stood in the full light of day, with the chance, if the strength was in it, to spread out its branches and mount toward the sun.

At just this point, when all was doubt and speculation, and the industry most in need of just that impetus that a mind, well trained scientifically and at the same time practical, might give it, the name of another American, of already recognized genius and achievement, began to loom large in connection with it. It is a name that has ever since been indelibly associated with motion pictures—that of Thomas A. Edison.

Four hundred years after Christopher Columbus discovered America, the nations of the earth, in recognition thereof, gathered at Chicago, on the southwestern edge of Lake Michigan, and declared it the greatest

world's fair ever held up to that date, which was 1893.

Like Columbus, whom they would honor, the majority of the visitors to this fair found their voyage to the New World one of veritable and variable discovery.

Among other things, they discovered the kinetoscope, an invention of Thomas A. Edison, which, for exterior impressiveness, fared but ill with the maelstrom of machinery, monstrous and driven by the lightning, pounding, vibrating and roaring terrifically, with the fair featured, and with which it astonished.

As if shrinking back in modesty or consternation from the far more impressive and powerful (if the measurement be in horsepower) exhibits about it, the Edison kinetoscope was housed in a little building that made an almost imperceptible speck on the big fair grounds. A sign, also modest, on the outside of the building announced to the passerby that, by stepping inside and depositing a nickel in the slot of a machine to be found there, he might see pictures, taken from actual life, in actual motion.

This thing promised to be even more "fishy" than the Terrible Turk, who, three or four doors beyond, made pretense of swallowing knives and exhaling live flames from his nostrils. However, there was something about the announcement to what curiosity. The passerby considered, and then with a shame-faced glance or two over his shoulders to make sure there was no acquaintance near to witness his ignominious fall to the dupe, hurriedly ducked inside the little edifice. (To be continued next issue.)

Fruit Advisory Board to Meet

Governor Lister of Washington has issued a call to the leading fruit shippers, fruit growers' marketing organizations and commercial organizations in the state of Washington for the appointment of representatives to meet with the newly appointed advisory board in Spokane, November 23 and 24.

As this is to be the first meeting of this board it was deemed advisable to hold the meeting at the time of the National Apple Show and start the work outlined with the aid of all those prominent in the fruit industry.

This committee was the result of a conference of governors at North Yakima last fall. It consists of nine members, three being appointed by the governor of each state, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The purpose of this board is to study the fruit marketing situation in the three states and to determine ways and means in which the governments of the three states can be helpful to the fruit industry.

Paul H. Weyrauch, president of the Fruit Growers' Agency, is chair-

man of the Washington committee, and according to the governor's call will be in direct charge of the arrangements for the Spokane meeting.

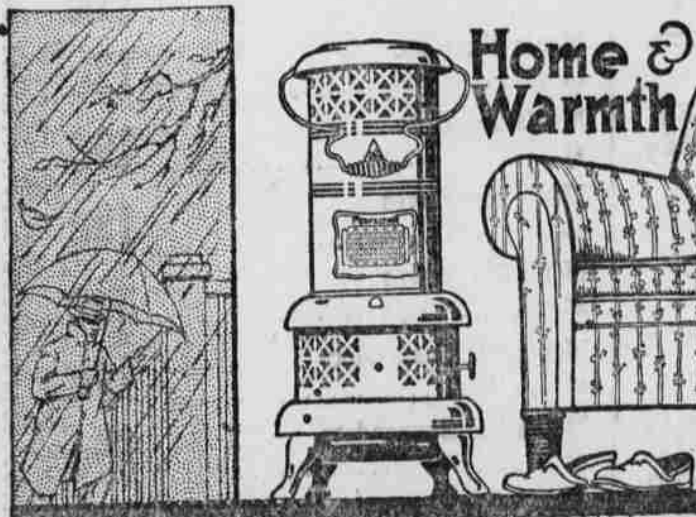
Klamath Falls Record. Ernie Hosley, proprietor of the Chiloquin Mercantile Company, well known in the Merrill country, where he was engaged in the meat business, is in the city receiving medical treatment for a badly inflamed eye. While driving cattle a piece of gravel got in his eye, causing inflammation. Mrs. Hosley accompanied her husband and is visiting in the home of her brother, S. E. Martin.

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