

Eagle Creek Camp Ready For Season

Forest Supervisor T. H. Sherrard of the Oregon national forest has put the Eagle Creek camp grounds in readiness for the 1917 recreation season. The water pipes have been connected up so that pure running water is available at the various camp sites, and the comfort station has been opened. New tables for use of campers and picnickers have been built, and a splendid parking place for machines is conveniently located near the entrance to the camp grounds.

A four-room tent house has been erected for the temporary headquarters of the forest officer who is again on duty at the grounds.

Eagle Creek camp grounds are located on the Oregon national forest, 44 miles east of Portland, on the wonderful Columbia Highway. It is a place of great natural beauty—a bit of wilderness set apart by the government for the free use of the public. Over 15,000 people visited these grounds in 1916, and it is expected that several times that number will enjoy them this season.

The picturesque Eagle Creek trail leads up the canyon from the camp grounds. This trail has been cleared of the few windfalls and slides which came down during the winter, and is now open for a distance of four and a half miles.

A high bridge has been built across Eagle creek where the trail now ends, and it is expected that the trail will be completed to Wahnum Lake during the coming field season. This will open up some very attractive country that is now inaccessible and make possible a fine 27-mile hiking trip from the Columbia Highway at Eagle Creek camp grounds up the Eagle Creek canyon and over the divide to Wahnum Lake, returning to the Highway at Herman ranger station by way of Herman Creek trail.

The O. W. R. & N. company has erected a station at Eagle Creek, which is now a flag stop the same as Multnomah Falls, so that parties may visit the camp grounds by highway or by rail.

The Bogie Road On Billings Hill

Medford Sun: George W. Owen, county commissioner of the Ashland district, reports that the contract with the Southern Pacific Company has been executed for the under-grade crossing of that company's right-of-way on the Billings hill; that the deeds have been executed, also, for the right-of-way for the new roadway around the hill, and that the state engineers are expected to arrive any day to make a final survey for the work to be done. The state highway commission will supervise that work, he says, and that it will be done just as quickly as workmen can perform the service after the final survey.

Ashland is not alone interested in this project. For two years automobile drivers, both of the tourist class and the local contingent, each of which is numerous, have reviled that particular section of the famous Pacific Highway. More than one man has done violence to the Commandments as he strained his machine to overcome that obstacle to an otherwise delightful drive. Let us hope that Commissioner Owen will make it his special business to follow up strenuously the good start he has made on that part of our county boulevard.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Wood entertained the teachers of the West Side school with a most enjoyable party at their home on Wimer street Friday evening. Music proved to be the most enjoyable part of the evening's program, as all the Wood family are talented musicians, and many classical selections of music were rendered, to the enjoyment of all. Several of the teachers also made the evening enjoyable with their musical talent, the Misses Engle, Kramer, Flinn and Anderson being the gifted ones. Great merriment and some discomfort were caused when Dr. Wood, who had gathered a snapshot of each one present, showed them on a screen with a stereopticon machine. Delicious refreshments were served at a late hour. Besides the thirteen members of the West Side school teaching staff, Mrs. G. A. Briscoe, Mrs. Emma Jack and Mrs. W. W. Caldwell were present.

Lynn Mewat, who has been in the hospital for the past week, has been moved to his home on Beech avenue and is rapidly gaining his strength. He will be sufficiently well to be back on the job at the Tidings office tomorrow.

The Hazelwood plant at Oregon City is making extensive improvements.

Local Citizens At Luncheon

Oregon Observer: The luncheon Monday was a complete get-together event of Rogue River valley interests. Eighteen members of the Ashland Commercial Club came in autos the 45 miles.

Sam H. Baker presided when the speaking began. A warm welcome was given the guests by Frank C. Bramwell, who sounded the keynote for wider and more effective co-operation on all valley projects. He gave them full assurance of the desire to our part to do all that can be done for Ashland and the towns between, for by helping our neighbors to prosper and thrive helps us to do likewise.

Mr. Baker then presented Bert R. Greer, editor of the Ashland Tidings. Mr. Greer eloquently and elaborately painted word pictures of the wonderful scenic assets of southwestern Oregon. He made accurate contrasts with what exists in southern California and here, and nowhere can there be found as picturesque and pleasurable effects as can be found in Oregon. Yet the people of that region have capitalized what they have in this way by the expenditure of millions of dollars, and are reaping vast sums from the tourists and visitors there.

Should Oregon awaken to a realization of the advantages she possesses in real attractiveness, it would not be necessary to spend great sums of money before we have the guest income in preference. Small expenditure in roads and development would open to the world the greatest wonders of thousands that exist here in matchless array and close proximity.

The Josephine Caves, he said, belong to the world, and instead of a government monument as now there should be a government park fully equipped with government improvements, under government control. A slight effort on the part of the people can bring this about, and congress and the world made to know of the existence of these really valuable features of our country.

Our efforts in this regard would bring wonderful dividends as well as the thanks of the world, for there would be no limit to the travel these wonders will inspire.

The audience listened with wrapt attention, and when Mr. Greer had finished he was most heartily applauded. His shots were well aimed, and if action does not follow it will be because of lethargy gone to seed.

E. V. Carter, banker from Ashland, was next introduced. He was pleased at the harmony now existing in all this region and added his encouragement to harmonious and effective action. He made plain how his bank at Ashland is loaning money without security to school children and others to promote the production of food-stuffs along patriotic lines.

H. O. Frohbach, secretary of the Ashland Commercial Club, was called out by Mr. Baker, and he boosted for Ashland's Chautauqua and the round-up. The new Ashland auditorium, he said, will seat 4,000, and if need be 3,000 more can be seated in the gallery when the building is completed. He said: "No doubt Grants Pass, as she always has, will again send up to the lithia city ample quota of delegates for each of these entertainments."

The master of ceremonies closed the hour with further expressions of the benefits of these get-together occasions and bespoke much good for the united efforts being exerted to get the greater development of our resources.

Those present from Ashland were the following: J. W. McCoy, Benton Bowers, V. O. N. Smith, E. V. Carter, B. R. Greer, Joe Alnutt, A. H. Pracht, Clifford Jenkins, J. P. Dodge, A. M. Beaver, Rev. W. J. Douglass, W. D. Hodgson, G. F. Billings, George Loosley, Rev. P. K. Hammond, H. O. Frohbach and L. L. Mult of Portland.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank the many kind friends who by their kindly acts and words of sympathy made our recent bereavement more easy to bear.

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Seattle maritime interests have banded with the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club there to bring before the federal shipping board the need of regulations, to be recommended to congress and President Wilson, that will make it possible in time of peace for American vessels to operate in competition with foreign bottoms.

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Y. M. C. A. Active In War Times

Out where the boys are fighting, close to a hundred battle fronts, the Y. M. C. A. has been doing a work so notable in the world war that Lord James Bryce, former British ambassador to America, recently said of it:

"It has been and is today one of the most active and pervasive agencies to help young men form high ideals, as well as for directing them into the paths in which they can best serve their fellows in a true Christian spirit."

The opening of a Y. M. C. A. "hut" in a German prison camp made such an impression on Ambassador Gerard, who participated in the ceremonies, that he cabled to the secretary of state: "Work of inestimable value. I hope the American association will extend the work to the prison camps throughout the world."

The records of the war disclose that no front has been too remote but that some means of conveying equipment for association work would be found. No route has been too rough and no danger too great. Where the Red Cross ministers to the men who are wounded, the Y. M. C. A. provides them facilities for recreation, creates about them the wholesome atmosphere so badly needed to offset the sordid things of camp life and keeps near them ever the reminder of home and love ones.

Even the reaper may have received a letter from some boy in uniform writing from "somewhere" along the front. It is an even chance that the letter was written on stationery provided by some portable Y. M. C. A.

A Scottish minister visited the front and came back so enthusiastic about it that he told his congregation there were literally tons of writing paper and many writing tables. There were tables spread with refreshments and a platform with a piano on it. Nearby was a little chapel where the men, in all the realization of their responsibilities and dangers, could, and did, retire for prayer.

Not content with getting association "huts" to all the prison camps of more than 10,000 and to the men back of the barb-wire entanglements, the Y. M. C. A. undertook in Canada a work which received the highest approval of military officers.

A physical director in a Canadian city saw a number of recruits turned down for lack of chest expansion and power of endurance. It was his opportunity. He took them in hand. Soon dozens were reporting again for examination with the required chest expansion and power to endure. In all the Canadian associations, before their departure for active service, soldiers had right of way at writing tables, swimming pools, shower baths, in the gymnasium and auditoriums.

When Uncle Sam's national guardsmen were sent down to the Mexican border, association secretaries with equipment were on the ground almost as soon as they, greatly to the discomfiture of the organized forces of vice that had also sought the camps eager to exploit the soldiers for their own pernicious purposes, regardless of the harm to them.

With the first discussion of the entrance of the United States into the world war, Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, sent out a call for special service to all Y. M. C. A.'s, saying that every new enlistment meant a new problem in character building, and concluding: "The navy owes much to the Young Men's Christian Association for what it is today, for character means efficiency."

Now that the United States is definitely committed to the titanic conflict, Y. M. C. A.'s all over the United States are mobilizing their forces so that their services to Uncle Sam's soldier boys may be as wholesomely helpful and inspiring as it is useful.

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Livestock Hit by Late Season

Livestock conditions in the national forest regions of Washington are good, with a fairly high lambing average, according to reports received by District Forester George H. Ceel of Portland, Ore. In Oregon stock conditions are below normal in the national forest regions. This is due to the unusually long feeding season. In many sections the hay is entirely used up.

In the Deschutes country, near the Fremont national forest, the upper John Day country and in Baker county, Oregon, will occur the severest losses on account of late season and hay shortage. Most range cattle in Oregon and Washington have come through the winter in rather poor condition.

To meet the emergency which exists, the supervisors of the national forests in Oregon and Washington have been authorized to open them to livestock which is short of feed earlier than the usual date, whenever it can be done without material injury to the early grasses. The forest service will make every effort to aid the stockmen in saving their animals from starvation.

Forest service reports show that severe weather conditions are causing heavy losses of cattle and sheep in the northern Rocky mountain region. Because of unusually deep snow, continued storms and the late spring, the supply of feed in most of the region has been practically exhausted. Hay is now selling at \$20 to \$40 a ton and it is almost impossible to get it even at these prices.

The loss of sheep in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Nevada will, it is feared, be unusually heavy. Well-pastured stockmen estimate that it may reach 20 per cent. It is stated that the sheep are generally in poor condition, and many of the bands which came through the winter without losses are now beginning to suffer. A high lamb and wool crop is anticipated for the whole Rocky mountain region.

All indications are that the cattlemen have been equally hard hit. In parts of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming unusually severe losses are in prospect. No reliable figures are obtainable from northern Nevada and Utah, but all reports agree that the number of livestock will be greatly reduced in those sections also.

The fact that supplies of grain and hay have been almost exhausted and the spring ranges are generally covered with snow, leads experienced stockmen to fear that many more animals will die before the situation is relieved by warm weather. In some regions the snow is so deep that hay can not be hauled to the starving stock except on hand-drawn sleds.

Cliff Payne makes hope boxes.

Pelouze Chosen To Go To Front

Medford Sun: Word has been received that Robert Pelouze, former athlete in the high school, who was graduated two years ago, and is now a student at Leland Stanford University, has been chosen one of the 21 students of that institution to be sent to serve in the American ambulance corps in France.

This is the second unit to be sent from Stanford to serve in the corps, and membership in it is regarded as a very high honor.

Robert Pelouze is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pelouze of Eagle Point. "I had a telegram from Bobby telling me of his selection," said Mr. Pelouze on Thursday, "and relating his joy over it. The unit will leave for France June 1, and of course he will come home for a visit before then."

At San Francisco last Tuesday a big patriotic demonstration was held, preceded by a military parade, in honor of the Stanford and University of California students who are going into the ambulance corps service in France. The University of California also has a unit of 21 men for the corps. The Stanford cadets, number-

ing 1,000, and the U. of C. cadets, about 1,500 strong, participated in the parade.

Potato Matinee Is Huge Success

The potato matinee which was held at the Page Theatre in Medford recently was a tremendous success, and nearly one thousand pounds of potatoes were received at the entrance door from the vast crowd of children that sought entrance with a potato being used for an admission ticket.

The potatoes were auctioned off at the Page Theatre Wednesday evening and six sacks were sold at from \$7 to \$10 each, while several baskets of six potatoes each sold for \$2 and \$3 each. The money was donated to the Red Cross fund.

A month's pass to the Page Theatre was given as a prize for the largest potato, which proved to be an enormous tuber which weighed three pounds and four ounces. Many unique verses were attached to the potatoes, and one youngster from Prospect presented a large spud which had been gilded like a nugget and bore the inscription, "This is what we grow at Prospect."

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