

MOUNTAINS' SCENIC TRAILS AND FALLS MAKE RUGGED PARK

Hood Classic Center of Vast Area Rich in the Glories of Outdoors.

ROADS SYSTEM IS KEY

Wide Use of National Forests for Recreation Told by Supervisor Sherard—Many Trips Outlined.

There is a mountain park of waterfalls and rushing streams, of deep canyons and lofty summits with forested slopes, to which trails from Portland lead.

There is a strengthened opportunity to make all this wonderful accessible. Its center and highest peak is nature's great cathedral spire, Mt. Hood.

At its northern edge the border is the Columbia river highway. Chief of the park's roads that guide into the region to the southwest is the Mt. Hood highway.

The Columbia and Mt. Hood highways may be connected with a road through the national forest from Government camp around the east base of Mt. Hood.

Road Survey Made. The survey for this coming highway has been made and it shows that the grade is so placed that it will cost less than \$100,000.

And the cost is estimated at somewhat more than \$100,000. Congress is asked for this amount.

It will be a splendid credit to the state and a benefit to the nation. The road is to be built on the summit of the Mt. Hood highway.

When the road is completed it will complete a 150-mile loop around Mt. Hood from Portland, providing a scenic drive and a training district of scenic and scientific interest.

Local Effort Needed. The plan is to build a road to the summit of Mt. Hood and to use the result of the survey.

Study of what the forest service is now doing to add to the public enjoyment of the national forest areas which are open to the public.

A system of trails is planned to take the government forests to the great streams, to the lakes, to the numerous hot springs, to the viewpoints and the camping places.

After the Mt. Hood district is served the plan will be broadened to comprehend the scenic areas around the region of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams.

Local interest and action will forward this work.

Many Trips Outlined. Thomas H. Sherard, supervisor of the Oregon forest, said Wednesday that he had planned and planned to make a number of trips through the mountains and forests that will be reproduced here.

Seventy-five thousand people visited the national forests in summer, he said. Thousands more are to be seen in the forest service for information, which was readily given.

It was the demonstration, he said, that was a very fine one and that the pure water supply and our newly built good trails.

Recreational use from the standpoint of the forest service, he continued, divides into two classifications and development.

That is to say that if a scenic use is approved most important commercial use will not be allowed to enter in cutting down the trees, or even to take the fire from Mt. Hood's glaciers as was proposed, he said, last summer. Now are camping places allowed to be distributed.

Recreation Area Set Aside. One of the trips is of the forest service was to set aside 14,000 acres along the Columbia river highway for public recreation.

There are now trails leading to beautiful spots in this park and on January 1, 1916, are to be sent to build a trail from the camping ground up Eagle creek past five falls of that stream.

The forest service already has built the miles of trails, and miles of telephone lines in the Oregon national forest. The trails and telephones are essential in reaching against and fighting forest fires.

As rapidly as possible streams are being stocked with trout.

The plan for the camping ground at the mouth of Eagle creek includes providing fireplaces, firewood, the construction of a public comfort station.

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UNCLE SAM CARRIES WISTFUL LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS THIS CHRISTMAS

Needy Children Confidingly Ask That Wants for Barest Necessities Be Filled and in Most Cases Charitable Organizations Comply With Wishes.

"Dear Santa: I am a little girl 11 years old and my name is Glenna. I am very poor and I wish you would send me a pair of shoes. I don't have any shoes. And I would like a little umbrella so I could go to school without getting wet. And if you could send me a doll I would love to have one. I don't have any dolls. I would like to have a doll like this one. I hope I am not asking for too much for I need what I am asking for.

"Yours truly, "GLENN A."

This is just one of the pitiful tales which mail addressed to old "Mr. Santa Claus" is bringing into the postoffice each day. Through the generosity of Portland's charitable organizations many of them are going to be answered.

Through the courtesy of Postmaster Myers, those that can have secured some of the letters and will endeavor to make the writers a little happier on this next Christmas.

"I am a little girl 8 years old. And I would like a few things but mamma says Santa has no money but Dear Santa I think Santa has some money so I am writing a letter to ask if you would bring me a teddy bear, and a book Alice in Wonderland and a little book.

"Most of all I want a teddy bear. I hope you can bring me this I think you very much.

"From your little friend, "ESTHER G."

Will Esther get these things? We think we know a kind woman who has these little things and who can send them.

"Buddy is Good Boy Now. Then there was little Buddy. Buddy has exhibited himself that Santa Claus visits only the good boys.

"Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a rocking horse, train that goes around, doll with curls and a little automobile. I will be a good boy and mind my mamma. Goodbye.

"From BUDDY."

And one little girl wrote a long letter to Santa Claus and then, remembering that she had forgotten some things, wrote again to Santa. She lives out of the city but she has heard of Portland and seen the jolly face of old Santa Claus beaming from the top of Portland's department stores.

"Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a ring and a locket and some pretty beads.

Would like to have some pretty toys to. "I am 9 years old now. Do you remember me I have wrote to you before for things. My name is Merina B. My sister Nona was 15 years and she shot herself. My had to go to the hospital and it costed a lot of money. "Your friend, "MERNA B."

"Dear Friend: I thought I would write to you this letter to you again.

"This time I want a dress and O I would like to have a little doll stove if you have got any. I have got ever thing you have sent me yet.

"I would like to come and see you some time.

"I wish you would send me a rain cape and hat too. I would like for you to send me these things before Xmas so I can wear the dress on Christmas.

"From MERNA B."

"I got some rubber boots in the mail today. And then from out in Bull Run came a tearful little appeal. It was written in a cramped, labored hand and the story in the letter is enough to set any one thinking.

"Dear Santa Claus: I am a poor little boy and I haven't got any things for Christmas and my father is crippled and is old and can't work and my name is Alri F."

"I am 3 years old goodly to dear old Santa Claus. One could go many a mile before he encountered the unselfishness in the next little appeal. There is no mention of self, only the hope that her little brothers and sisters will not be forgotten. The letter is written on the front of an envelope and folded and placed in another of the same size.

"Dear Santa Claus: I have a little sister and to little brothers who don't want to be forgotten Christmas please don't forget them. A bible, a "peppie" and a "toast a card" book would please one little girl.

Just a Little Bit. Appeal after appeal in which the plea is, "Don't forget us, Mr. Santa Claus. You did last year and we were awfully unhappy," has come through the mail.

And such a little bit would satisfy most every one. Once in a while there'll be a letter from some youngster whose demands would break an ordinary post office to fill it up. Nearly every one there is added a little postscript telling that there is just one little thing that would mean up for all the others.

Postmaster Myers has many number of these little letters on his desk which he will be only too glad to give to persons who feel that they can help perhaps one or more families. A call must be made in person on him, however, for he cannot answer the telephone on any business matter.



COURTESY EASTMAN KODAK CO

Portland Oregon Nov 29 1915 Dear Santa Claus Please come to my house this year please bring me a little sewing box with little hand mirrors and a little thumb and embroidery work and a scan a lot of pretty embroidery and cards and nuts From Mal Newby

Portland Oregon Nov 29 1915 Dear Santa Claus please come to my house this year please bring me a nurse doll and I want some candy and nuts Marsart Newby

Dear Santa Claus when you come please bring me a doll and buggy and brush my sister doll and a teddy bear to show to come your true girlfriend ventrelli

I am a little girl I want a bible and a piece of a doll and a book and I think I will give for all from your girl Ruth Ewell

and small bridges across the streams to facilitate hikes. The whole area around Eagle creek is to be consistently developed with a scheme of scenic trails and walks.

Forest Service Helps Trail. The Labor Mountain trail was aided by the forest service and the hike from Multnomah falls to the summit and from the falls around to Wahkeena falls and down by the Benson trail are of splendid beauty.

Interest in building in the forest has been increased by the fact that the forest has been leased good for not exceeding 30 years.

Here are the trips recommended by Supervisor Sherard: One day—Around Multnomah falls on Larch mountain trail to junction with Benson trail and so to Wahkeena falls. Distance four miles. But four miles crowded with scenic spots of mountain scenery that people cross oceans and continents to see.

Two days—From Multnomah falls by way of Larch mountain, east and north along the divide, keeping at an elevation of over 3000 feet until you reach the Columbia highway at Bonville. This trip gives a real taste of mountain travel and shows the Columbia gorge really is. Take blankets and grub.

Glorious Trip Around Hood. Three days—Around Mt. Hood keeping the night at Elk meadows, and taking a hike to the north slope of Mt. Jefferson.

You may know a ceramium from a fox glove, said Mr. Sherard, but if you take a hike you couldn't help enjoying the sight of these slopes carpeted with red paint brush or heather, or the valleys like small seas of bright flowers, curiously dotted with raised islands of alpine life.

Camp on Jefferson Slope. Here in this hanging valley at 930 feet elevation, you make your camp right under the shoulder of Mt. Jefferson and at the foot of the glaciers. If you take two weeks for this trip, 40 miles of trail along the Clackamas river gives access to good fishing. Take a packhorse and a saddle horse makes travel more comfortable.

There are dozens of other trips that may be planned and Supervisor Sherard said that his office is at the service of all who love the big outdoors.

Not Single Person Is Killed on Cars

Records of P. E. L. & P. Show Number of Passengers Which Have Been Carried for Calendar Years.

The records of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company show that not a single passenger has lost his life on board one of the company's cars.

This applies not only to the 35 city street lines but to the interurban trolley lines as well.

The following statistics cover the period from January 1, 1907, shortly after the company acquired the various electric railway properties operating in and around Portland, up to and including November 30, 1915:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Passengers. Total passengers carried by calendar years: 1907: 69,093,123; 1908: 65,193,214; 1909: 72,119,972; 1910: 88,210,459; 1911: 91,509,890; 1912: 93,125,484; 1913: 92,928,929; 1914: 88,870,743; 1915: 72,122,809.

Total 722,208,450. January 1 to November 30. These figures aggregate a total nearly equal to half the population of the globe.

Bail Jumping Costs 3 Men \$8 Apiece

Had Carl and Peter Anderson and Thomas Spencer appeared in the municipal court Saturday to answer to the charge of visiting a lottery game they would have only been fined \$2 while by their non-appearance they forfeited \$10 bail.

George Stanel, James Buergeiden, Martin Matson, Owen Bean and Frank Hollenbeck were all fined \$2 each on their plea of guilty, and Ah Wa, the Chinese conductor, was fined \$25. The men were arrested in a raid at 214 North Sixth street. A secret panel in the wall of the shop, opened by mistake, allowed the police to enter the lottery quarters.

St. Johns Company Will Submit Price

Figure for Water Plant Will be Prepared and Laid Before the City Council for Action.

The St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting company is to fix a price for its privately owned water system in St. Johns and submit the figures to the city council.

Such was the understanding at a joint meeting Friday afternoon.

If the city does not agree to purchase the plant but proceeds to install a municipal system, steps probably will be taken by the private company to hold up the scheme on the ground that the company has an exclusive franchise in the St. Johns district.

Although it was agreed that the company should name a figure for its plant, it was also understood that the city would not be obligated to purchase the system.

If H. Powers, one of the owners of the company, told the council that his company did not want to sell, but that if a price were fixed by disinterested parties, it would abide by the decision and sell at the price fixed.

Richard W. Montague, attorney for the company, said the city is under no obligation to build its own water plant and that if it paralleled the private plant, it would be done without moral excuse.

Italian Aeroplanes Spread Destruction

Squadron of 48, Armed With Bombs, Steel Arrows and Rapid Fire Guns. Sweep Austrian Banks for Revenge.

Rome, Dec. 18.—(U. N. S.)—Death and destruction on a vast scale was wrought today among the Austrians in the Chiapovane valley by an Italian aerial squadron of 48 aeroplanes.

Fighting with bombs, steel arrows and rapid fire guns, the latter mowing down hundreds of Austrians when the aeroplanes descended close to the earth and swept the Austrian ranks, the squadron succeeded in annihilating a dozen camps and depots as well and returned to its base intact.

The raid was made in retaliation for the destruction of villages by the Austrian artillery.

Seattle Girl Bound, Gagged; "Mistake"

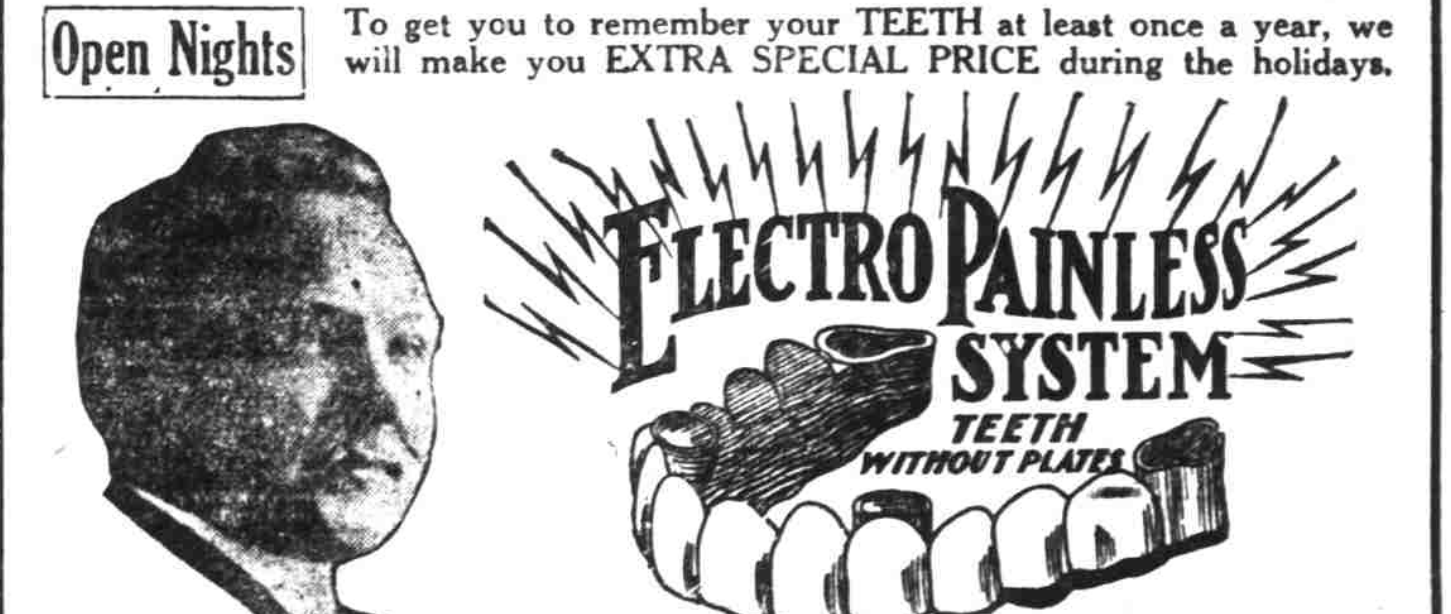
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Deputy sheriffs are endeavoring today to learn the identity of two men responsible for the abduction yesterday of Grace Salmon, 18, daughter of a Kenmore farmer, whom they gagged and bound to the seat of an automobile, in which they held her captive three hours.

One of her teeth was knocked out in forcing the gag into her mouth. She was finally set down in the road near the home of her grandmother, Mrs. L. Sander of Bothell, and told that she was "the right girl."

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