

# SOUTHERN OREGON AFFORDS SPLENDID CAMPING CENTERS

Assistant Forester Buck Says Region 11 Miles Northwest of Ashland Unusually Attractive.

One of the best camping centers in Southern Oregon is about Lake of the Woods in the Crater national forest, says Assistant Forester C. J. Buck, who has just returned from Medford and Ashland. The area lies in the mountains 11 miles northeast of Ashland along the Rogue river valley on the road between Ashland and Klamath lake.

The lake is singularly free from mosquitoes; it has a good bathing beach, huckleberries abound and the hunting and fishing are enticing. Better roads are being built into the region. The desirability of the lake as a summer home site was recognized about three years ago, and there are now about 45 families of Southern Oregon who have taken out permits and spend their summers on the lake shores. In addition, about 100 homesites are being laid out on the east shore of the lake.

**ALTITUDE IS HIGH**  
The lake is located at a high altitude and from it a remarkable view of Mount Pitt is obtained. It is being fitted up with public camping grounds, hotel sites, boating privileges and other attractions of a recreation center.

The asset to the city of Ashland of Lithia park, located along a stretch starting in the center of town and extending about three fourths of a mile up Ash creek, was especially noted by Buck. Lithia park is a public camping and recreation center built about the mineral springs. Special arrangements have been made for automobiles. There are tables, hundreds of rustic seats, fountains, mineral springs so developed as to be glass covered with faucets on every side, and with resthouses built over them; ponds, beautiful walks winding about in a forest of firs, cedars, yellow pine and other species.

**CAMPFIRES BARRED**  
No campfires are permitted, but gas plates are furnished with meter, gas dardness, and for 25 cents a traveler can get enough gas to last about 24 hours. Lockers have also been provided, in which, for a small fee, travelers may put their possessions.

The whole is kept in perfect order by a caretaker who sees that all rubbish is cleared away and trees, shrubbery and equipment are kept intact.

**Safe Blowers Kill Aged Man**  
Chicago, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Drying a band of six arm sawblowers in an attempt to protect his employer's property, Thomas O'Donnell, 67 years old and the father of three grown children, was shot to death today at the plant of the Western Shade Cloth company. Three of the bandits wore army overcoats.

## Rebekahs of Oregon Called for Special Meet at Portland

Dallas, Or., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Ora Cooper, grand secretary of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon, is mailing notices to all lodges of the order in the state, notifying them of a special session of the grand lodge, called by the president, Mrs. Jessie E. Jarvis, to convene at Portland on the evening of February 27 for the purpose of conferring the assembly degree on a large class of candidates.

Sheriff John W. Orr has recovered nearly all the loot taken by burglars from the drug store of Adjutant General Conrad Staffin, on the morning of December 22. Twenty-one of the 25 cameras taken were located in pawn shops and second-hand stores in Portland.

Floyd Senter has resigned as rural school supervisor of Polk county to accept the position of deputy county clerk, made vacant a few days ago by the resignation of Lief S. Finseth.

The city of Dallas will pave at least 13 blocks if plans of the street committee are approved by the council.

## Fine Scenic Coast Road Depends on Bonding Measure

Eugene, Feb. 7.—If the county of Lane will construct 20 miles of coast road just north of Florence, a highway suitable for tourists will be available for travelers this summer from Astoria to Florence, according to R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the Sitka national forest. The coast road from Florence to Cape Perpetua is the wildest and most wonderful coast scenic road in the Northwest, he said. If the \$2,000,000 Lane county bonding road proposition passes, there will be available \$38,000 in county money to grade this road.

A total of 40,000 old-styled 8-cent stamped envelopes will be run through the stamp cancelling machine of the Eugene postoffice. The postoffice department has just sent E. L. Campbell, postmaster, a 2-cent die, with which to convert the 8-cent envelopes into the 2-cent ones.

Six cases of influenza were reported Friday from Coburg, six miles from Eugene. In the city of Eugene, a total of 10 cases has been reported. Red Cross women are meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, sewing hospital garments, in preparing for an emergency.

## Joel Bowman's Body Arrives at Estacada

Estacada, Feb. 7.—The body of Joel B. Bowman Jr. arrived Thursday evening from Mare Island, Cal., where he died January 29. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church Friday. He was the son of Joel B. Bowman of this place and was 19 years old. Last September he enlisted in the navy at Pendleton, afterwards going to the training station at Goat Island. Here he was taken sick and was transferred to the government hospital at Mare Island.

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## THOSE WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT



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The Sunday Journal herewith presents the first of a series of articles discussing facts more or less pertinent about presidential candidates, real and potential. Today's article has to do with Hiram Johnson. The subject of next Sunday's sketch is A. Mitchell Palmer.

By G. Gould Lincoln

JUST as a sporting proposition, imagine that Hiram Johnson, senator from California, has received the Republican nomination and a little later has been elected president of these United States by an admiring and appreciative people. There is one safe bet, at least, that can be made. On an afternoon in the early spring of 1911 Hiram Johnson will be found at American League park on the opening day of the baseball season, firmly grasping a brand new ball, ready to toss it into the waiting hands of one Walter Johnson. The League of Nations is a stench in the nostrils of the California senator—but the American league or the National league, that's another matter.

More than a quarter of a century ago, when Hiram Johnson was a good deal slimmer than he is today, he used to pitch, himself. He tried his hand at testing 'em over with considerable success while he was an undergraduate at the University of California. And his love for the game has never flagged. It used to be a by-word in California that if you wanted to find Hiram Johnson all you had to do was to go to the ball park.

While he no longer goes in for games himself, Senator Johnson is keenly interested in all kinds of sports. He hasn't the time to play golf, and he hasn't the build for tennis, the game about which his former running mate, Theodore Roosevelt, built himself up a "cabinet" while he was in the White House. The California is a prodigious worker. He is always writing speeches and making speeches, writing letters and drafting bills, working at his committee at the senate. When he can get a little spare time he and Mrs. Johnson wander off to the "movies." He's almost as much of a movie "fan" as a baseball "fan." He admits it himself.

**ELECTED TO SENATE**

Senator Johnson entered upon his duties in Washington in April, 1917. Just before this country went into the great war. He has found for himself and Mrs. Johnson one of the most attractive homes in and about the capital—the Calvert mansion, at Riverdale, Md., a few miles outside of Washington. It is a fine old house that in colonial days belonged to Lord Baltimore.

When Senator Johnson took it over, the house was standing vacant. It had been used in recent years as a kind of wayside inn. Some of the furniture in the mansion belongs to the colonial period, too. It has a beautiful garden, which Senator Johnson has replanted. And there, on a Sunday afternoon in summertime, you are apt to find the senator, surrounded by his books and papers, with his pipe, for which he has a great affection, clinched tightly in his teeth.

**ACTIVE IN LAW**

California men will tell you that Hiram Johnson has, for the last 20 years, been one of the leading lawyers of the state. The most famous case with which he has been connected was that of "Abe" Ruef and the grafters' ring in San Francisco, not long after the great earthquake and fire in 1906. Dramatically, he stepped into the trial after Francis J. Heney, the bulwark of the prosecution, had been shot down in the court room, and carried the case through, putting the grafters in jail. But Senator Johnson today is not a wealthy man. He has made a good living, of course. But while living without ostentation, he has always lived well. He and Mrs. Johnson have successfully brought up two sons, both of them now lawyers like their father, though one of them has more lately been a major of artillery in France, and served at Chateau-Thierry and other battlefields.

**ROOSEVELT'S RUNNING MATE**

When the Progressives, in 1912, selected Hiram Johnson as a running mate for Colonel Roosevelt, naming him as their candidate for vice president, they picked him as a fighter and as governor of a state that under his leadership was fast becoming one of the most progressive states in the union. He was chosen governor of the state in 1910, when he was selected to be the standard bearer of the Lincoln-Roosevelt club.

His promise during the campaign was that he "would kick the Southern Pacific out of politics." I asked him the other day if the railroad was still out of politics. "Absolutely," was the emphatic reply. And then he said that while he was in California not long ago a friend had told him that one of the railroad's mainstays, a man who had fought Johnson tooth and toenail in the old days, had admitted to him that the ejection of the road from politics was

"the best thing that ever happened to it."

**PROGRESSIVE TENDENCIES**

There was considerable speculation when Hiram Johnson came east to sit in the senate as to what he would do. He had been heralded as a "radical," the man who had put laws on the statute books of California for the initiative, referendum and recall, for an eight-hour work day for women, for an adequate workmen's compensation for those injured in industry, for woman suffrage, for efficient regulation of public utilities. His record had not been that of a radical, however. Perhaps, like other radicals, he has been tamed down a little by the senate. But he has not laid aside the mantle of progressivism, which he wore when he "stood at Armageddon" with Roosevelt. In fact, the Congressional Directory still dubs him a "Republican and Progressive." He has voted with the progressive wing of his party in the senate.

"What," I asked him, "do you consider the most far-reaching and important of the progressive laws which were enacted in your administration in California?" (He served as governor for half a dozen years).

**LAW AND BUSINESS**

"That," he answered, "would be difficult to say. They are all part of a program which was needed to bring a very backward state abreast of other more progressive states. I can say, however, that these laws which come of our most influential business men declared would ruin the state have proved a great success. I remember that before I signed the woman's eight-hour law some of these men cried and told me that it would ruin business. But it hasn't. I remember that before I signed the law to remove the spots in the commonwealth, he concluded, "is to reform the conditions that create the radical."

Senator Johnson is not sure that the initiative, referendum and recall would work effectively if applied to federal government, owing largely to the great divergence in state laws relating to voter qualifications. He believes, however, that it should be adopted in all the states, and that there should be machinery established to refer questions of vast importance to the people for their decision—for instance, the League of Nations.

While Senator Johnson has given most of his time to the questions of foreign relations since the war ended, he is a member of the senate military affairs committee, charged with handling the army reorganization bill. He believes in military training for the young men of the country, and says that we must have some kind of training, though he has not yet determined upon the details.

**A NATIVE SON**

Senator Johnson is a native of California. He was born in Sacramento a little over 53 years ago. His family had moved there from New York state about a year before his birth. Grove L. Johnson, his father, is living today, and, if reports are to be credited, is anxious to become a delegate to the Republican national convention next June, and to be the first father on record to nominate his own son for the presidency. On both his father's side and his mother's, Senator Johnson can trace his ancestry back to revolutionary and colonial days in America, and some of his ancestors took part in the revolutionary war on the side of the colonists.

Senator Johnson was named for his not on the public records. But Hiram Johnson smacks of "down East" rather than the Pacific slope. His original namesake was a king of Tyre, about 1014 B. C., a friend of David and Solomon. Biblical names in the White House, however, are not altogether a novelty. Hiram helped Solomon build his temple, and it is written in the Bible:

"And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together."

The Hiram of today, however, has been one of the most bitter opponents of the League of Nations covenant, and if he makes a campaign it will be with the league covenant as an issue.

**1916 CAMPAIGN RECALLED**

The Johnson temperament in California is a byword. It permits no obstacle. It is said: If there is to be a fight, then look out for fur flying. They tell a story of a ruction between Senator Johnson and his brother, on the one side, and his father, on the other, over some municipal affairs, when the senator and his brother were young men. It was a finish fight with no let up on either side. I asked a Californian, a member of congress, what was the outstanding characteristic of Hiram Johnson as he saw it. He answered without hesitation, "Courage." Not all Californians think alike about Senator Johnson, however, and some of them dislike him intensely. But that they are in the minority is easy to see when it is recalled that he was elected to the senate by a majority of 236,000 votes, the greatest majority any senator ever received in a contested state since the senators have been elected by popular vote.

While Senator Johnson was being elected by this huge majority, the Republican candidate for president, Mr. Hughes, was running behind Woodrow Wilson, his Democratic opponent, in

California, by about 3500. Johnson's enemies were not slow in declaring that he had "thrown down" Hughes. But this has been vehemently denied by the Republican state committee.

**THE JOHNSON COOK**

They tell a story of Hiram Johnson and his cook, a Chinaman, who has been in the Johnson employ for many years. When the earthquake tore everything loose in California, and actual cash was scarce, the cook tossed a bag of money he had stored away into the family pool. Later Senator Johnson was a candidate for governor. A representative of a labor union suggested to him that it would be as well to get rid of the Chinese cook, the feeling being strong against Asiatic labor.

"My dear man," replied Senator Johnson, "if I must give up either the governorship or my cook, I prefer to give up the governorship."

The cook is at Calvert mansion with the Johnsons today. He may be the first Chinese cook in the White House. As a general proposition, bosses are not much in Senator Johnson's line. But there is one boss he yields to—his wife. He almost always refers to Mrs. Johnson, when talking with his friends, as "the boss." Few men have been so happy in their married life—perhaps many of them haven't the good sense to recognize their "boss." Mrs. Johnson takes a keen interest in measures before

the senate, and spends almost as much time in the chamber as her husband.

**FASTIDIOUS IN DRESS**

Senator Johnson is fastidious in his dress, and is a great stickler for the proper kind of clothes. He stands about five feet nine inches tall and weighs in the neighborhood of 150 pounds. There is no doubt about his "bay window." But, despite his weight, the senator gives no impression of being soft. He has clear, blue, inquiring eyes; thick hair turning iron gray, closely cropped. His voice is low and pleasant in conversation, and he has a genial smile. When addressing the senate Senator Johnson speaks in a clear, ringing voice, that rises at times with a staccato tone reminiscent of Roosevelt. He uses forceful gestures, too, one in particular the forefinger of each hand extended as though he were holding a pistol, his hands held low as though he had just drawn a gun. So he punctuates his rapid-fire utterances.

In the senate he is listened to with attention by his colleagues. His most notable speeches have been those in opposition to the League of Nations.

Next Sunday: A. Mitchell Palmer.

**Scouts Plan Big Meeting**  
Ashland, Feb. 7.—National Boy Scout week will be begun by the local troops with a mass meeting at the Christian church Sunday morning.

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