

## New Auto Park Entertains First Visitor; Spends Money In City

### PORTLAND TRIP IS MADE FOR "WEINIE'S" SAKE

PRECIOUS FELINE BELONGING TO JUDGE BLAKELEY ESCORTED IN STATE.

### OILY HIGHWAY THRILLS

VIEW AT ROWENA EQUAL TO CROWN POINT; ORCHARDS WILL ATTRACT.

The fact that "Weinie's" comfort was at stake was the cause of four people driving to Portland and back, most of the way over the Columbia River highway, last Sunday. "Weinie," it might be said, is the feline pride and joy of the family of Judge George C. Blakeley, a grey creature who has so won himself into the hearts of the members of the household that his comfort was the first thing thought of when they planned to be out of the city for a few days.

So "Weinie" was shoved in a box with three slats over the top, and put in the bottom of a Dodge Brothers sedan for what was expected would be a fairly rough trip over the river

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### HIGHWAY ENGINEERS AWAIT ELECTION RESULT

LOCATING PARTIES READY TO START IF VOTERS DECIDE FOR NEW HIGHWAY.

Engineers in the local state highway office have been marking time during the last several weeks, awaiting the final decision of the voters of Wasco county June 7, when the \$800,000 road bond issue for the construction of The Dalles-California highway will be passed upon. Locating parties are ready to get to work at once, as soon as it is assured that the measure has passed.

Another project which is attracting interest is Hood River county's proposal to bond itself for \$350,000 for the construction of a spur of the Mt. Hood loop road in that county. Latest reports from the Apple city indicate that the measure has every chance of passing when submitted to the voters at the June 7th election.

General sentiment throughout Wasco county is that the Wasco bond issue will carry by a safe majority. Some opposition has developed in various sections of the county, but an extensive pre-election campaign of education is planned by The Dalles-Wasco County Chamber of Commerce and the county court, in which an effort will be made to get into personal contact with every voter in the county. Speakers will be sent to all farmers' meetings.

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"Over-production has reduced the price of rubber to less than twenty cents a pound, which is less than a third of the price prevailing from 1913 to 1918 and compares with three

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### Camp Site Charms, Mrs. Williams Is Donor of Fifth Shelter House

SEEING IS BELIEVING, MEMBERS OF AUTO CAMP COMMITTEE DECIDE; PERSONALLY CONDUCTED PARTIES BRING MANY TO REALIZE POSSIBILITIES.

If there is any truth in the common opinion that enthusiasm is contagious, The Dalles is in for an epidemic of that happy affliction, as far as the new city park with auto camping facilities is concerned. For every member of the Chamber of Commerce auto park committee has been walking the streets in The Dalles during the last week radiating auto camp bacillus in sufficient quantities to inoculate an army.

Among the most rabid of these enthusiasts, is H. R. Fancher, manager of The Dalles Garage. Wednesday Fancher succeeded in convincing Mrs. E. M. Williams that she was missing an experience of a lifetime by not viewing the park. Although somewhat skeptical, Mrs. Williams consented to make a personal inspection.

She was charmed. She frankly admitted that she had not realized the wonderful possibilities for natural beauty afforded by the park.

Thursday, Mrs. Williams called Fancher on the telephone.

"It's about those little shelter houses," she explained. "I wonder if you would build another one of them and send the bill to me?"

Needless to say, Fancher heartily acquiesced. Another shelter house had previously been donated by John Van Dellen of the Van Dellen Lumber company. With Mrs. Williams' building completed, the park will have a total of five

shelter houses, each complete with a double camp oven and concrete surfaced tables.

Members of the committee are taking visitors to the camp site every day, and it has become quite the thing to visit the place Sunday afternoons. The results that have been accomplished on a place which most residents know of only as a barren rock pile are astonishing.

### U. S. LEADS WORLD IN CARS PER CAPITA

MONTREAL, May 6.—Figures published by the Montreal Star show the car per capita of the United States leading the field with one automobile for every 14 persons—and Russia with one car for 5,300 persons ranking lowest in the percentage scale. Ranking of other countries follows: Canada, one car for every 22 persons. England, one car for every 268 persons. France, one car for every 402 persons. Germany, one car for every 634 persons. Italy, one car for every 1,000 persons. Austria, one car for every 2,700 persons.

### FIRST CAMPER SPENDS \$12.45 IN THE DALLES

VISITOR FROM ERIE, PA., SPENDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON NEW CAMP GROUNDS.

### PARK'S VALUE SHOWN

TOURIST'S STAY ANSWERS QUESTION OF PROFIT CITY MAY DERIVE FROM PARK.

"What good is an auto park to The Dalles anyway," one skeptic asked of a solicitor during the recent tag day, in which an effort was being made to raise money to purchase 1,000 trees for the new park. "I'm in business here, but for the life of me I can't see how tourist traffic helps me any."

J. T. Raine of Erie, Pa., Wednesday answered this question, although he did not know that he was doing so at the time. For Raine was the first tourist to camp overnight in the new city auto park.

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