

HIGHWAY BOARD GATHERS TODAY

Major Improvement Issues Coming up, Including Road to Portland

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Will appear before the commission to point out the advantages of this highway. One of these groups represent the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, with Rufus C. Holman acting as chairman.

There also will be a group of Tillamook and Washington county citizens before the commission in connection with the proposed construction of the Wilson river cutoff highway from Portland to the sea. This proposed road would be 75 miles in length, and would shorten the distance between Tillamook and Portland approximately 40 miles. It was argued that this would be both a commercial and recreational highway.

Additional Routes To Have Backers

Two other routes between Portland and the Pacific ocean have been proposed. One of these is known as the Ridge route, while the other highway would extend from Vernonia to Cannon Beach. Mr. Spaulding said each of these routes had supporters, and it had not yet been determined which road would be the most acceptable to the larger number of people.

A large number of county judges also will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the secondary highway program authorized by an act of the 1931 legislature. Mr. Spaulding declared that this discussion was important for the reason that every county in Oregon is interested in market roads and other secondary construction.

"LADY FRAIL" OBSOLETE



MISS JANE HOULSON AND F.A. MITCHELL-HEDGES

The lady in the above photo is Miss Jane Houlson, secretary to F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, world-famous explorer, shown with her. The objects which Mr. Mitchell-Hedges and Miss Houlson are examining are not shells. They are fossil human heads, shrunken and preserved by a process known only to the head-hunters of Central America and are some of the relics of one of the explorer's many expeditions into the wilds. It seems strange to see a woman handle such a gruesome object when we consider that a very short time ago a cut finger was a woman's curse to go into hysterics. But the new age of progress has changed all that and now the terms "cruelty" and "any lady frail" may truly be said to label the modern woman. Miss Houlson is a good example of the female product of this wonderful age. In the twelve years she has been employed by Mitchell-Hedges she has travelled over 60,000 miles through the uncharted jungles of the world and is soon going on another big expedition.

the Oklahoma approach of the Durrant - Denison, Texas toll bridge, avowedly to prevent the use of the structure. After a hurried trip to bridge to take personal charge of national guardsmen in the martial law zone, the governor last Sunday ordered his troops to allow use of the bridge. State officials the day before were enjoined in federal court from continuing the blockade.

NO WORD RECEIVED OF BOARDMAN SHIP

NEW YORK, July 29—(AP)—More than 40 hours since the New York-Instanbul fliers, Russell Boardman and John Polando, took off on their flight across the Atlantic, no definite word from them had been received at their New York headquarters or elsewhere up until midnight tonight.

The fliers left here at dawn yesterday, almost at the same time as the red monoplane flown by Hugh Herndon, Jr., and Clyde Pangborn took off on the flight which landed them in a farmer's field near Cardigan, Wales, this afternoon.

While grave doubt was expressed over their fate, their backers were hopeful. The plane carried a large supply of fuel, it was pointed out, and there was the possibility the fliers might have landed in some remote spot from which communication with the outside world would be difficult and slow.

It was assumed they had to fight the same heavy fogs which kept Herndon and Pangborn from getting a glimpse of the ocean from the time they left Newfoundland until they sighted the coast of Ireland.

FIRE FIGHTER DIES
VANCOUVER, B. C., July 29—(AP)—Word of the death two days ago of James Pascoe, 76, of New Westminster, while fighting a forest fire near the Dawson mine at Arrium siding, on the Kettle valley railway, was received here today. He was reported burned to death.

RAIN RELIEF COMES
SALT LAKE CITY, July 29—(AP)—Salt Lake City and the surrounding country received relief from a two weeks heat wave when a heavy rain began falling tonight.

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MINERAL SPRING DISCOVERY MADE

SILVERTON, July 29—Discovery of a mineral spring, which may equal or better that at Wilhoit, was made by three Silverton men, June Drake, Frank Coffman and Frank Powell, last Sunday afternoon. The trio made the find while exploring the bed of silver creek for fossils and shells, about nine miles from here, near the Romey Lais farm. They plan to get samples of the water Sunday for analysis.

The water, they report, tasted strongly of sulphur and other minerals, but they had nothing with them to bring a sample home. Frying a layer of stone, they encountered a bubbling spring, and clearing away the rocks found a deep, cool pool. The outlet of the spring is located near the waters' edge, and probably is submerged during high water, they believe.

A quantity of shells and what appeared to be the foot prints of some mammoth animals were cut out of the layers of stone and brought home. The specimens are on display in a window of the Palm confectionery.

CROQUET SETS ARE DONATED BY ELKS
Wild enthusiasm was exhibited by children at the 14th street playground yesterday afternoon when the supervisors received two new croquet sets, a donation of the Salem Elks club. The instant the boxes were opened the boys and girls were knocking the balls around, without waiting for the games to be set up.

The croquet sets have been wanted as an additional activity at the summer playground for some time, to help entertain the crowds of two and three hundred children who come there each day. The supervisors state they still need at least one more croquet outfit, to accommodate the many players.

Bean bag will now be another activity at 14th, since Roy Eiler constructed a board for the game. Regular tournaments will be begun before the end of the week.

CLINIC FOR YOUNG BABIES TOMORROW
Mothers of infants born since January 1, who have not received birth notification certificates from the Marion county health department are being invited this week to bring their babies to a nurses' conference to be held at the health center, 434 North High street, tomorrow morning. Miss Juanita Johnson, staff nurse, who covers the Salem and northern and southern territory in the county, will be in charge of the clinic.

The county health department as part of its services regularly sends to parents certificates notifying them that birth records have been filed. Since a number of mothers have been coming to the health center for these records, Miss Johnson has decided to weigh and measure the babies of parents who have not already received their notices, if they will come to the health offices Friday.

Bill Withdraws Martial Law in Bridge Squabble
OKLAHOMA CITY, July 29—(AP)—Governor W. H. (Alfalfa) Murray late today ended martial law declared last week at

PANGBORN SHIP IS IN ENGLAND

Crosses Atlantic, Aviators Fail to see it; Land on Welsh Farm

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about 2 p. m. today and continued flying eastward but fog prevented adequate observation and it was only after they had cruised over the Irish sea for some time that they were able to find a landing place on the Welsh coast. When they landed first, in the farmer's field, the fliers first question was: "Well, just exactly where are we?" The question was directed to farm hands who came running to the plane.

Farmer and Wife Get Real Surprise

The farmer and his wife got a "real surprise." Pangborn said. He said they did not have the slightest idea who the fliers were and could hardly believe they had come from the United States. "All the way across the flying was most difficult," Pangborn said. "We could not escape the fog. We didn't see a thing because of fog from the time we left Newfoundland until we sighted Ireland."

"It was entirely owing to the fog that we had land. We knew, roughly where we were and for hours we cruised over the sea trying to find a way through."

GOOD WILL PARTY VIEWS INDUSTRIES

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once, W. C. Lawrence, the George Lawrence company; I. Lowengart, M. Sellen company.

W. D. McWaters, Zellerbach Paper company; Marshall Dase, Oregon Journal; Walter W. R. May, Morning Oregonian; Otto W. Milke, Blake Moffitt & Towne; J. C. Moore, S. P. & S.; E. W. Mosher, Pennsylvania railroad; A. A. Patterson, the Aladdin company; Cy Pruner, Gilmore Oil company; Russell H. Tisdale, First National bank; H. J. Turner, S. P. & S.; E. R. Wiggins, Wiggins company, Inc.; C. F. Wright, Ballou & Wright; Edward N. Weinbaum, manager trade and commerce department, Portland chamber of commerce; Harry Davis, U. S. National bank; Phil Muthersbaugh, Col. River Valley association, and L. A. Brockwell, Southern Pacific.

GOTHAM ENRAGED AT CHILD MURDER

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fell wounded, one of them fatally, by the fire of gangsters' guns yesterday. Police Commissioner Edward P. Mirooney, who tersely instructed his 18,000 men to go to the limit—bring in the killers, hurried to the station to direct an examination of Bruno. When he emerged after an hour of questioning, however, he said Bruno had offered evidence that the motor car which he owns does not resemble the gunmen's machine.

SOLDIER HOME IS STILL OPEN ISSUE

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these two places had "certainly been most outspoken," but insisted the entire area would be canvassed before the selection is made.

When he was reminded that Couer d'Alene, Idaho, had a strong bid for the home, he stated the picturesque north Idaho territory had made a showing that would receive careful consideration when additional home or hospital facilities were required by the board.

The resort, straddles the California-Nevada line with a bar and gambling games on the Nevada side and a dance floor on the California side.

Too Late to Classify
Ford touring cheap. 170 N. Front

MUSICIAN



A master musician on the harmonica at four years is the enviable distinction of Bobby Gene Scott (above), of Reno, Oklahoma. Only about a year ago Bobby picked up a harmonica owned by his father and started picking out tunes. In the interim the lad has learned to play 227 selections, both classical and popular numbers, and plays them with skill. He's bringing a new kind of fame to a town named Reno.

The Call Board . .

By OLIVE M. DOAK

THE HOLLYWOOD
Today—Lawrence Tibbett in "The Prodigal".
Friday—Bob Custer in "Under Texas Skies".
THE GRAND
Today—G. A. T. Withers in "Scarlet Pages".
Friday—Buck Jones in "The Fighting Sheriff".
WARNER BROS. ELGINORE
Today—Dorothy Mackaill in "Party Husband".
Friday—Clive Brook in "The Lawyer's Secret".

Tonight is the night for which many theatre-goers in Salem have been waiting. Seven weeks ago a contest was started for the ownership of a new model Ford. Warner Bros. and the Valley Motor company are offering the car. Tonight the winner of the contest will be presented with his treasure—that is if he be in the audience or within call of the announcer on the outside of the theatre.

The winner will be announced at 8:45 o'clock and the doors will be open at 8:30 o'clock. The feature for tonight will be "Party Husband," with Dorothy Mackaill and James Rennie in the leading roles. You will find to your entire satisfaction when you see "Party Husband," a drama of marriage in a mode. "Party Husband" is no preachment but a highly entertaining cross section of the life of today—with just the proper dash of humor and humanity to relieve the hardness of the sophistication.

Richard Arlen's role of a sailor in "The Lawyer's Secret," the all-star drama which will be the feature at Warner Bros. Elsinore Friday, is his first of that type.

The young western star has played soldier, aviator, gangster, cowboy and many other colorful character parts, but never before has he donned sea garb.

In "The Lawyer's Secret," Arlen is again cast with Fay Wray, and with Joan Arthur. It is really three dramas in one: Clive Brook's conflict between love and legal ethics; Rogers' fight to escape the consequences of his rash conduct, and Arlen's battle to prove his innocence of a crime of which he is convicted.

TOTAL INSURANCE IN OREGON LOWER

Oregon Mutuals Show Gain in Collections; Fire Loss is Increased

Two hundred and ninety-one stock fire and underwriting subsidiaries and 36 mutual fire insurance companies carried an aggregate of \$1,350,599,636 in fire, automobile and marine insurance in Oregon at the close of 1930. This represented a reduction of \$25,777,916 from the total amount of this class of insurance outstanding at the close of 1929, a decrease of 1.9 per cent, according to Insurance Commissioner A. H. Averill.

These same companies collected a total of \$8,684,935 in net premiums, less reinsurance, during 1930 and paid net losses amounting to \$5,219,981. The reduction in net premium income from the previous year's experience amounted to \$968,037 or 10.9 per cent, and the increase in net losses in 1930 as compared to 1929 was \$430,989 or 8.9 per cent. The loss ratios of all companies for 1930 was 60.7 per cent, as compared to 55.5 per cent for 1929, an increase of 9.3 per cent.

Of the total amount of fire insurance outstanding on December 31, 1930, the 291 stock fire companies carried \$1,154,733,448 or 85.5 per cent of the total of \$1,350,599,636, and the 36 mutuals, \$195,866,188 or 14.5 per cent, was 75.3 per cent as compared to the six Oregon mutuals.

The six Oregon mutuals collected a total of \$652,048 in net premiums in 1930, an increase of \$15,302 or 2.4 per cent and paid \$360,636 in losses, a decrease of \$10,749 or 2.9 per cent from those of 1929. Twenty-four foreign mutuals operating in Oregon collected \$352,720 in net premiums in 1930, which was \$207,026 or 36.9 per cent less than the premium income for 1929, and paid \$316,075 in losses, an increase of \$129,210 or 69.1 per cent over those of the previous year. The domestic mutuals' loss ratio for 1930 was 55.3 per cent, a reduction of 3 per cent as compared to 1929, while that of the foreign mutuals for 1930 was 59.6 per cent, an increase of 5.2 per cent over 1929.

The net premium receipts of the stock fire companies for 1930, amounting to \$1,399,656, were \$21,318 or 1.5 per cent less than the collections for 1929 and the net losses paid, aggregating \$3,032,513 were \$162,518 or 5.5 per cent in excess of those of the previous year. The stock company fire loss ratio for 1930 was 60.5 per cent as compared to 52.9 per cent for 1929, an increase of 7.9 per cent.

While the volume of fire insurance business transacted by stock fire companies showed a falling off of but \$441,453 or eight hundredth of one per cent for 1930 as compared to the total amount outstanding at the close of 1929, and net losses increased by \$162,518 or 5.5 per cent, the amount of fire insurance carried by these companies at the close of 1930 was \$59,621,597 in excess of the average for the previous five-year period, 1925 to 1929, inclusive, and the net losses paid in 1930 were \$229,838 or 8 per cent in excess of the five-year average. The yearly average loss ratio for the five years previous to 1930 was 49.3 per cent.

GERSTEL FUNERAL SCHEDULED TODAY

SILVERTON, July 29—Funeral services for Walter H. Gerstel, 37, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Taylor of this city who died at a health resort near Burns Monday, will be held at Finley's in Portland tomorrow afternoon.

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IN HOSPITAL



Although pretty Una Kimmey, 22-year-old aerial stunt artist, really did not plan on landing in a hospital when she leaped out of a plane with her parachute over Valley Stream, L. I., that's where she is, nevertheless. Descending from one plane, Una almost landed on another in midair. This maneuver caused her chute to become unmanageable and resulted in her forcibly landing on sharp rocks. Next stop—hospital.

Mrs. Taylor is in Portland with her daughter, Valie. Mr. Taylor will join her tomorrow to attend the funeral rites.

Mr. Gerstel lived here a few years ago, being employed by his brother-in-law, Carl Moser, in a grocery store. Mr. Moser is now state adjutant of the American Legion. Mr. Gerstel was auditor for the state industrial accident commission in Portland for two years until three months ago when he went to southeastern Oregon for his health. He had been ailing ever since he returned from France, after seeing 22 months service in the World War. He would have been 38 Friday. He is survived by his widow, Valie H.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Gerstel, and a sister, Mrs. Eldred J. Pearce. Interment will be made in Portland.

Part of Crater Park is Closed By Meier Order

Governor Meier Wednesday issued a proclamation closing to entry, unless by permit, of certain lands within the Crater National forest.

The land closed to entry lies south of the Butte Falls-Lodgepole road and north of a line following the divide between Willow Creek and the north fork of Little Butte creek from the forestry boundary to the Lake Creek-Lake of the Woods road, and thence along the north side of this road to the east line of township 36 south, range 3 east, W. M.

The closing order does not effect either Crater Lake park or Diamond Lake.

COUNTY CHIEFS OF SCHOOLS TO MEET

Annual Conference set for Early Next Week Here; Program Announced

The annual conference of county school superintendents will be held in Salem August 3 to 5, inclusive, according to announcement made here Wednesday by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

The opening day's program will include an address of welcome by Governor Meier, response by Mr. Howard, announcements by President Roy E. Cannon, supervisory reports, discussion of 4-H club work, reading by Maybelle H. Romig, geography by Susanne Homes Carter, history and civics by J. A. Yeager, and a discussion of new elementary courses.

The association dinner will be held Monday night. Tuesday's program will include greetings by Secretary of State Hoss, discussion of laws, practices and policies by Mr. Howard, committee report on the teacher rating card; county school organization by Hector Macpherson, discussion by Josiah Willis and T. F. Drumhough, and committee report on "institute themes."

At Wednesday's session James M. Burgess will discuss permanent school records for county and state, followed by the resolution committee and talks on the Junior Red Cross.

Barber Issue is Not Yet Settled

The committee of the local barbers' union which has this week been negotiating a settlement of the price cutting dispute with the employers had not finished were still working on the matter yesterday, without coming to an agreement, according to Clarence Townsend, union secretary.

The arrangement is expected to be concluded today at the latest.

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