

World's Deepest Canyon Boasted by Oregon; Route Outlined

Citizens Fear They'll 'Roll'

Hell's Canyon Only One of Attractions Found in Wallowa Forest

The Statesman is co-operating with the Oregon State Motor association and The Oregonian in presenting a series of travel features under the title, "Motor Cruises of 1936." It is hoped thereby to stimulate travel in the Pacific northwest and to give the reader a guide to the trip described below.

BY GERRY WEAVER
Don't roll. It is a commonplace expression in the high, rugged country of northeastern Oregon. Natives in the mountainous regions fear lest their children roll down precipitous hillsides as they search for whatever native children search for. Horses, cattle, wild life roll.

Roland Huff, supervisor of the Wallowa national forest, spoke of "rolling" as he steered the motor-loggers out of Enterprise beneath a bright, early-morning sky for Hat Point and a view over the rim of the deepest canyon in the world right here in Oregon—deeper than the Grand canyon of the Colorado.

Tourists Afraid to Return
Huff told how, after completion of the road to this point just a year before, groups of women sight-seers had driven up the Snake river heights, but commandeered forest men to drive them back down, so afraid were they that they'd "roll."

The supervisor is the kind of man who believes you should know, if it is possible, where you are going, and he started out with a word of caution, you aren't so likely to court trouble.

From Enterprise he drove over a smoothly paved highway to Joseph, six miles to the south, past the valley floor rises abruptly on long well-kept irrigated farmlands. The right to the chain of snow-capped peaks of the Wallowa mountains, which, glistening in the sunlight, lent weight to the region's claim of being the "Switzerland of America."

The road is graveled out of Joseph, and it winds, and descends some 2000 feet from the 4000-foot level as it winds northwesterly for 30 miles to the village of Imnaha. It is new road and good. Quickly it is hemmed in by sheer, forbidding canyon walls whose upper reaches the climber viewed lying on one's back in open car, or with a rubber neck.

Sheep creek ripples, races and rumbles along, first on one side of the road and then the other. Miles of blossoming syringa and elderberry weighted the air.

Crossing a bridge into Imnaha, the road enters the Imnaha river meet and become one at this village—Huff remarked that here was really the beginning of the trip. He swung right, south, past Imnaha's one store into a narrow but equally good road.

"Roll." Becomes understandable. From the three-mile point the road left the ravine it had been mounting and took off along a scar on the face of the mountain, winding in and out and decidedly upward. Below, the grassy slopes of the canyon lent attention to the easy to understand the meaning of "roll." A loss of footing would send one rolling and rolling to infinity.

The road, however, is good, although on this occasion the almost unlimited visibility, a driver merely must pay attention to his driving rather than the curious formations marking the hillsides, the isolated sheep camps deep in the sheltered ravines and other objects of interest along the way to the top.

One catches his breath during the next five miles, which runs along ridges and passes through wooded ashles. Mule deer might crash through the undergrowth away from a hunter's gun here in the proper season.

A forest service sign at the 16-mile point pointed to Granny's point. This rock-strewn prominence affords an excellent view of tumbling real estate. To the north the southeastern corner of Washington exhibits its rugged contours. On the east, forest struts importantly with a chain of snow-caps known as the Seven Devils. To the west and south and down, of course, a boiling river—the Imnaha—muttering in its crooked canyon almost a mile below. The snow-capped Wallowa mountain peaks make a ragged job of the western horizon.

From Granny's point the road showed an inclination to climb again, passing through groves of spindly lodge-pole pine past frequent viewpoints and the habitat of herds of squirrels and chipmunks, which hurried frantically to the safety of the sparse highland forest undergrowth.

Lookout Seen at Hat Point
One can see Hat point and trail's end at least a mile before reaching it. A tall forest service lookout tower identifies it, and the last few hundred yards to the tower's foot climb sharply.

The chasm is of such awe-inspiring grandeur that one is transfixed with amazement at gazing through the crystal-clear air from this dizzy height at the swift waters of the Snake river, marking the boundary between Oregon and Idaho, rushing onward toward the Columbia, and then the towering peaks of the Seven Devils piercing the sky on the Idaho side.

A dark cloud in the southwest warned of a storm and Huff avowed it was time to return to Enterprise. The sun had dried the road on the return over the thrill lag 15 miles to Imnaha, and

Hell's Canyon on Snake River is Tourist Attraction



The great gash cut by the Snake river in northeast Oregon, mecca of this week's "motor cruise." Photo by U. S. Forest Service.

thoughts of "rolling" vanished. Despite the brooding heavens Huff swung south at Joseph and proceeded the short distance to Wallowa lake, gateway to the Eagle Cap primitive area, 223,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness, penetrated only by trails. The area Huff explained, contains some 60 alpine lakes, numerous icy streams, a fisherman's paradise. Majestic snow-capped peaks, over which range the last band of big-horn sheep in Oregon; challenge the climber skill.

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Balloons in Race All Down, Report

DENVER, July 4.—(AP)—Maj. W. J. Flood, operations officer in charge of the 24th annual national balloon race, announced at 9:45 p.m. (Mountain Standard time) tonight that all five craft which took off from here last night had landed. None of the bags got outside the state of Colorado, he said.

Major Flood said the last three balloons had all landed late this afternoon. The United States navy's entries landed within a few miles of each other near Deer Trail, Colo., 60 miles southeast of Denver.

The Goodyear-Akron came down near Sterling, Colo., 120 miles east of Denver. Earlier in the day, the Cleveland Great Lakes exposition entry landed near Akron, Colo., and the U. S. army balloon, the first to land, exploded and caught fire when it came down near Elizabeth, Colo.

None of the pilots or co-pilots was injured, Major Flood said.

Water Bond Bids Come Up Monday

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matters slated for action were of a routine nature.

Resolution to Start Construction Likely

If the water bond issue can be sold at a favorable interest rate based on Monday night's bids, it is likely a resolution will be introduced authorizing the water commission to proceed at once with developing the Statton Island water supply. Authorization from the council is the only barrier to immediate beginning of this work.

City hall predictions yesterday were that a proposed change of zone applying to portions of Depot J. Myers and Capitol Park additions along Turner road would bring out a large number of property owners for the public hearing on Monday night's bids. The zone change contemplated is from class two residential to class three business district.

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Speed Record Is Smashed, Denver

DENVER, July 4.—(AP)—A new international speed record was set at the air show held here today before 12,000 persons in conjunction with the national balloon race.

Rudy A. Kling, from Lemons, Ill., guided his small, blue racing plane over a 100-kilometer (62.137) miles course at a speed at 228,972 miles per hour.

Vandenberg Hits Bureaucracy Evil

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 4.—(AP)—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg opened the republican campaign in Michigan today with the charge that a "vampire bureaucracy" in Washington is "threatening both our rights and our economy."

Vandenberg predicted at an independence day rally that "traditional democrats" would unite this year with republicans in "fighting a common enemy, the American system that was proclaimed on our first Fourth of July, and which aims at a collective society controlled from Washington."

"The end of states' rights and of home rule is a queer contribution to masquerade in the purchased name of Jefferson's memory," the junior senator from Michigan said.

Discussing the phraseology of the democratic platform, Vandenberg said that "in announcing so-called self-evident truths," the platform builders "entirely overlooked some of the pertinent truths that are particularly self-evident today."

Lemke Insists on Adequate Pension

FARGO, N. D., July 4.—(AP)—William Lemke, union party candidate for president, demanded an "honest and intelligent" old age pension and termed the Townsend organization the "greatest and most patriotic in America" in an address before a Fargo Townsend club picnic here today.

The North Dakota congressman did not give flat endorsement of the \$200-a-month plan, although he upheld many of its features. Earlier in the day, Lemke spoke at Moorhead's July 4 celebration.

"If Townsend has done nothing else," Lemke said, "he has implanted in the minds and hearts of American people the true fact that they have created enough wealth to be entitled to old age security."

Crisis at Danzig Viewed by League

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members abstained from voting. Ethiopia voted "no."

Dr. Arthur Karl Greiser, Nazi president of the Danzig senate told the league council the Free City wished to break away from the supervision of the league. He asserted he was speaking not only for Danzig but for the whole German people.

When he had completed his speech he swung his arm in a Nazi salute.

Mrs. H. W. Corbett Called at Age 90

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4.—(AP)—Mrs. Henry W. Corbett, 90, widow of Henry W. Corbett, former United States senator, died tonight in the historic old Corbett mansion almost in the heart of the business district.

She was honorary president of the Portland Old People's home. Her survivors include Henry L. Elliott and Hamilton F. Corbett, grandsons, both of Portland. Funeral services will be held at the Corbett residence Tuesday.

Hoey, Ex-Congressman, Defeats McDonald For Governor Nomination

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 4.—(AP)—Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, former congressman, defeated Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, aggressive foe of the sales tax and militant administration critic, by an overwhelming majority in today's run-off democratic primary for governor on the basis of unofficial figures.

Reports from 1,671 of the state's 1,858 precincts, tabulated tonight, gave Hoey 252,622 votes, McDonald 197,685.

Borah Gives Hint Of Political Aim

FILER, Idaho, July 4.—(AP)—Senator William E. Borah, saying both major parties have stated in their platforms they will "destroy monopoly in the United States," asserted today:

"If this is in fact a settled policy, I regard it as the foremost notable event since Lincoln struck the shackles from the slaves."

The veteran Republican, who returned from Washington yesterday, still gave no indication of his future political plans—but he told a cheering Fourth of July crowd of 10,000 that he expects to discuss monopoly and the nation's monetary problems as he sees them, "regardless of party lines or commands."

Borah listed two asserted conditions as constituting the outstanding governmental evils of the day and the principal causes of depression:

"1. Monopoly and the monopolistic power in the possession of 2,500 men in America.

"2. Failure of the federal government to take over the regulation of money, now a function of private industry."

Fatal Ranch Fire Probe Under Way

SANTA ROSA, Calif., July 4.—(AP)—Seeking an explanation of a mysterious ranch house fire in which two persons perished, authorities tonight located and detained Ben Meyer, Santa Rosa cattle buyer.

Sheriff Harry Patterson said Meyer, who was found sleeping under his truck near a country road, admitted he was at the ranch last night but denied any knowledge of the fire.

The bodies, the sheriff said, were believed to be those of William Zanolini, 42, operator of the ranch in Knight's Valley, and his housekeeper, Mrs. Evelyn Bocci. Meyer was quoted by the sheriff as saying he joined in a drinking party at the ranch but left before midnight. The officer reported that Meyer was still under the influence of alcohol when he was located. He was held in jail for investigation.

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Union Future to Be Settled Soon

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—Two giant rallies tomorrow will signal the start of what may be an epic campaign to unionize the vast steel industry—a campaign that may help determine within the week whether the American Federation of labor will be welded into one fighting unit or split in two.

Spurred on by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, labor leaders at Homestead, Pa., and Chicago will launch the long-awaited drive to organize the steel workers.

Until the steel industry vowed this week to keep its open shop in the face of Lewis' drive, two factions had been moving toward a final split that would have left the A. F. of L. with less than two-thirds of its present membership.

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Roosevelt Voices Call to Freedom

MONTICELLO, Va., July 4.—(AP)—From the mountain top home of Thomas Jefferson, President Roosevelt today summoned America to battle anew for "true freedom" and spoke of the nation's need for "leaders of the caliber of the man who wrote the Declaration of Independence."

"There are no limitations," he said in a Fourth of July address, "upon the nation's capacity to obtain and maintain true freedom except the strength of our nation's desire and determination."

When he concluded, he motored to Richmond and went aboard the yacht Potomac which will bring him back to Washington Monday morning.

Sprinkling eulogies of Jefferson liberally through his Monticello address, the president voiced a confidence that the spirit of Jefferson was not that of "a golden age gone to waste never to be repeated in our history."

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Legion Events Draw Throng

Crackpot Theorists Are Assailed by Koehn in His Address Here

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"attempting to lead this country up blind economic alleys," Koehn asserted.

"They are the economic and political racketeers of hopeless impractical schemes," he added. "On the other hand, personal liberty and freedom and hard work was the philosophy of our God-fearing forefathers."

Insists on Right of Free Speech

While striking at "other people" who "come over here and tell us how we shall conduct our affairs," Koehn called for a continuance of "the keystone of Americanism—the right of free speech." American institutions, he said, "will not suffer because citizens happen to indulge in the good, old-fashioned American custom of speaking their opinions freely—whether it be over the back fence or from the public rostrum."

The American Legion does not criticize the form of government of any other nation, the state commander explained, and "does not oppose dissemination of knowledge relative to communism, fascism, or any 'ism' but it does believe that 'the study of such 'isms' should be approached with care . . . that information relative thereto is not the product of any school of anti-American propaganda."

This attitude, Koehn declared, does not mean a belief that "true Americanism" will be served "by attempting to hide the truth from the students in our schools and colleges."

"Our country, its laws and institutions, will not suffer by comparison with any other nation in the world," Koehn asserted.

Cites Courage of Declaration Signers

Termining the signing of the declaration of independence "one of the greatest examples of physical and moral courage the world has ever known," Koehn declared that "never more surely than today does America need the kind of patriotism that recognizes neither personal sacrifice nor danger."

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Showdown Slated Monday in Strike

SPOKANE, July 4.—(AP)—Strike headquarters were locked, mills closed and picket lines misfiring for the holiday, but leaders predicted a test of the striking sawmill union's strength Monday. Operators said they would reopen some of the six mills which were closed yesterday. One forward step in negotiations was reported by Jack Connors, of the state department of labor. Henry Klopp, of the White Pine Sash company, informed Connors he was willing to discuss the situation with his employees, providing the committee is one selected by them.

32 Cents Paid on Old Hops, Report

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4.—(AP)—The sharp upward swing of hops continued today when traders reported the sale of a carload of 1935 hops at Yakima for 32 cents a pound.

Buyers were unable to obtain options at 35 cents a pound to growers for the remainder of the 1935 Oregon supplies, it was reported.

Damp, rainy weather prolonged the infestation of downy mildew and other hop plant pests, acting as a bullish influence.

Holds Firecracker in Mouth, It Explodes; Serious Hurt Results

BEND, Ore., July 4.—(AP)—Jack Tuck, six-year-old son of state police sergeant Arthur and Mrs. Tuck, had a real taste of fireworks.

He picked up a firecracker after the fuse apparently went out, and placed it in his mouth in cigarette fashion. A delayed explosion occurred, seriously injuring him.

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Major Change, Relief Sought

Funds Should Come Out of Treasury, Belief of Budget Officer

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Wharton's insistence for a 50-50 program on relief for the state and the counties in 1937 and 1938 is based on his belief that the only effective way to keep down administrative costs of relief will be for the counties to be definitely under the yoke of providing the cash.

Cancel Residue of Appropriation, Plan

The residue of the \$5,500,000 appropriated for relief in 1936—which included the \$3,000,000 allocated in the second special session of 1933—Wharton believes should be cancelled as of December 31, 1936, and a new appropriation, included in the biennial budget of 1937 and 1938, used for future relief needs.

By the time Wharton is ready to submit his 1937-1938 budget he expects that administration costs for relief and for old-age pensions will be well below 10 per cent. He realizes that the 1935 efforts to appropriate for relief and for old-age pensions were guesswork—because the state had little experience to guide it. When the next legislature convenes, nine months of county-state and federally supported old-age pensions will have been paid out and from these figures of cost, the outlays for the next biennium can be definitely forecast. The state-county relief setup will then have functioned for a year and Wharton is confident the problem of unemployment assistance can be approached in the new budget more squarely and soundly than it was during the first two years of the Martin administration or the concluding years of Meier's term.

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