

### GRADING COMPLETE ON HIGHWAY CLEAR THRU TO PENDLETON

All grading on the Columbia River Highway from Portland to Pendleton is now either under contract or completed with the exception of a 15-mile stretch between The Dalles and the Deschutes river, according to Herbert S. Nunn, state engineer, who returned Monday from a tour of inspection over the highway. Nunn declares himself as highly pleased with the progress of the work on the highway as well as with the character of the work already completed.

From Pendleton to Echo, 21 miles, the grading is nearing completion and will be open to travel about June 1, Nunn states. From Echo to Willows, 60 miles the highway is completely graded and gravelled and open to traffic. This stretch is a real "High Speed Road," according to Nunn and is an easy two-hour run by auto. The work has stood up well under the winter traffic and is in every particular a standard highway.

At Willow the piers of a new bridge across Willows creek are fifty per cent completed and the bridge will be opened to travel in about 90 days doing away with another pay ferry at McDonalds.

From Willows to Arlington, 11 miles, the grading and graveling will be completed by June 1, and the road will be open to travel by May 1, a month earlier.

Grading on the highway between Arlington and Blalock is about 95 per cent completed.

From Blalock to the Deschutes river the entire stretch is under contract for grading and the work is proceeding rapidly. The grading will be ready for traffic about August 1, Nunn states.

The Deschutes river bridge contract is progressing most satisfactorily with all the piers poured and one steel span already in place.

Work on the John Day river bridge has just been completed, Nunn states, eliminating another toll ferry from the highway route.

Grading work on the highway between Hood River and Mosier is 95 per cent complete and will be finished within three weeks. This piece of work constitutes one of the most important gaps in the entire highway, according to Nunn, eliminating as it does one of the most dangerous roads on the river route. Construction work on this stretch has cost approximately \$50,000 per mile. The road will be open for traffic within the next thirty days.

From Hood River to Portland all the grading has been completed and all paving with the exception of 11 miles and two paving plants are already set up and ready for work as soon as the sun shines. It is expected that the paving on this stretch of highway will be completed by July 1.

### WILSON HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM "FLU"

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson contracted a cold several days ago and had a narrow escape from influenza, his physician, Rear Admiral Grayson, said today. Every precaution is now being taken to protect the president, Dr. Grayson said, and no person with even the suspicion of a cold is permitted to enter his room.

Dr. Grayson said the president was steadily, though slowly improving.

### Oil Production During January Sets Record

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 3.—In spite of unfavorable weather conditions during January 2, 114 wells were completed and production aggregated 452,397 barrels in the oil regions of the country, according to the monthly review of The Derrick made public today.

### Hines to Outline Stand On Wage Demand Today

Washington, Feb. 3.—Director General Hines today will declare the attitude of the government on the wage demands of the two million railroad employes presented last July. The announcement will be made at a conference with officers of brotherhoods and other railroad unions. No intimation was given by officials as to the contents of the director general's reply.

### Archduke Joseph Most Likely to Be Named King

Budapest, Jan. 31.—Designation of Archduke Joseph as king by the Hungarian national assembly seems probable as a result of the strong royalist tendency in this country. This movement persists despite objections to the Hapsburgs on the part of the allies and Hungarian socialists.

### Officers Who Kidnapped Italian General Caught

Turin, Feb. 3.—Four lieutenants, five sub-lieutenants and one sergeant of Captain Gabriel D'Annunzio's army, who kidnaped General Nigra, commander of the Italian 49th division, stationed at Istria, last Wednesday night, are imprisoned here, after having again crossed the armistice line. Other "desperate deeds" are charged against them.

The raven is the first bird mentioned by name in the Bible.

### PLANS FOR UNION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES OUTLINED AT SESSION

New York, Feb. 3.—An outline of the plan for a merger of approximately 25 evangelical Protestant church bodies, under the name of the United Church of Christ in America, which is to be acted upon by the Interchurch Council of Organic Union at a three-day conference beginning in Philadelphia today, was made public here today at the headquarters of the Presbyterian church, the originators of the movement.

The plan approved by an ad interim committee of 50 Protestant clergymen of various denominations appointed last December, carries a preamble declaring faith in God and other fundamentals of Christianity as "a common heritage of the evangelical churches." It provides (1) complete autonomy in purely denominational affairs; (2) formation of council, a representative body, meeting biennially, through which the united church will act; (3) representation to be on the basis of two ministers and two laymen for the first 100,000 communicants and two ministers and two laymen for each additional 200,000 or major fraction thereof; (4) that constituent churches except as limited by the plan, "shall continue the exercise of their several powers and functions as the same exist under the denominational constitution;" (5) that the council shall harmonize and unify the work of the churches, including missionary activities, evangelism, social service and religious education.

It is pointed out that the recommendations of the ad interim committee are but steps in a movement for creating "a real ecclesiastical entity, with ecclesiastical powers, holding and administering ecclesiastical property and funds of such united church." This it is said, may require a trying-out period. "After the plan shall have been in operation for a term of years," the announcement states, "the importance of divisive names and creeds and methods will pass more and more into the dim background of the past, and acquire even in the particular denomination itself, a merely historical value, and the churches then will be ready for and will demand a more complete union."

The form of union advocated, it is declared, "does not interject into the deliberations of the council any disputatious topic, any question of the validity of orders or of the modes and subjects of baptism or of the formulation of a specific or comprehensive creed." The hope is expressed that "the evangelical churches may give themselves with a new faith and order to the proclamation of the gospel, which is the only hope of our stricken world, and to all those ministries of Christian love and leading for the community, the nation and the nations, by which they shall reveal to men the mind of Christ and hasten the coming of his Kingdom."

Emphasis is placed by the committee on the "federal union" feature of the proposed amalgamation. "It is an organic union," the report says, "that has the vital principle of growth and development. The council has definite functions and duties and these functions and duties may from time to time be developed in like manner as the functions of our federal government in the United States may from time to time, by constitutional amendment, be modified or enlarged."

The proposed Constitution of the United Church of Christ, as revised, sets forth the following as its Article of Faith: "The United Church of Christ not adopting any school or creed, recognizes in the historic creeds of the evangelical communions varying expressions of their common Christian faith. It avows their common belief in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his son, or Lord and Saviour, who for us and for our salvation, lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of the things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men; in the Holy Scriptures by which the will of God is revealed; in the church, the living body of Christ; in the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, instituted by Christ and committed by him to the church; and in life eternal beyond the grave. It accords its members both as groups and as individuals in all lesser matters that broad liberty 'wherewith Christ hath set us free.' Each local church belonging to the United church will have authority over the following: (a) control of property held by it; (b) the terms of admission of members on confession of faith; (c) the times and modes of administering the Sacraments; (d) the initiative in the settling or dismissal of a pastor; (e) the forms of worship used; (f) discipline of members; (g) the cause to which it shall contribute and the amounts to be given.

In the interest of "fraternity, order and union of effort" each church also agrees (1) to receive into its membership, without other condition, any person bearing a certificate of dismission from any church of the United church; (2) it will maintain the stated observance of the sacraments of baptism, the Lord's Supper and administer baptism by immersion for those who desire that form; (3) it will recognize the authority of a district council and participate in its meetings through stated-by-chosen delegates.

Local churches, according to the plan, will be grouped geographically into district councils of varying sizes. Each church will be represented in the council by its pastor and one delegate, with an additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof. The district council's duties will include the ordination of ministers and it will have "the power of discipline or expulsion under conditions prescribed by the national conference." It also will have the power to "terminate the membership of any church refusing to meet its obligations." Each church will be required to pay a per capita tax of 25 cents a member, the same to be known as "council dues," and which will be used for administrative expenses.

A state synod, composed of churches in each state, and consisting of five delegates from each district council and five additional delegates for each 25 churches or major fraction thereof, will hear and pass upon appeals from the district councils, support the bishop

### GOVERNOR NAMES DAY ON NEW COMMITTEE

Governor Olcott this morning named I. N. Day of Portland as the third member of the committee created under house joint resolution number eight enacted by the special legislative session for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of state action in establishing railroad connections between Bend and Klamath Falls. The other two members of the committee are Senator Roy Ritter, appointed by the senate, and Representative Denton G. Burdick of Redmond appointed by the lower house.

The resolution provides for the investigation of the feasibility of dismantling one of the two railroads now operating through Deschutes county to Bend and using the material in extending one of the roads on to Klamath Falls thus establishing railroad communication between that vast southern Oregon territory and the rest of the state. The project also includes the construction of a state highway over the right of way of the dismantled railroad. The committee will report at the next regular session of the state legislature.

### City Methodism Marshalled for Evangelistic Campaign

Plans are quickly taking shape for a great Methodist forward movement in the city. Dr. Mahood, who is the special speaker, is clearing the decks for action and outlining a campaign that will count for much in the near future. The meeting Monday night was well attended and the message of Dr. Mahood was very appropriate. He spoke from the text Isaiah 52. He made a strong appeal to the churches to awake to the tasks of the present day. Dr. Mahood believes tremendously in the gospel as the only remedy for modern social and industrial ills. He is unsparing in his denunciation of the churches that fail to apply this saving gospel to present needs. In a word, he is a modern man with a modern message.

Be sure and hear him tonight on the subject, "The Sights That Fail." The large chorus choir selected from the three Methodist churches, under the leadership of Dr. Aldrich, will lead in the singing. The Rev. P. M. Blenkinsop will sing tonight.

### FOUR SUPREME COURT DECISIONS RENDERED

Four opinions were handed down by the Oregon supreme court this morning as follows:

Bertram S. Griffin, et al, appellants, vs. Emma A. Griffin, appeal from Yamhill county; proceeding in habeas corpus for custody of two minor children. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge H. H. Belt affirmed.

Meryl E. Olds, appellant, vs. Walker D. Hines, director general of United States railroad administration; suit for damages on account of injuries received in railroad accident. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge Robert G. Morrow affirmed.

Hildegard Levine vs. David Levine, appeal from Multnomah county, suit to recover money alleged to be due on payments required in decree of divorce. Opinion by Justice Harris. Judge Robert G. Morrow reversed and case remanded.

Minda S. Slattery, appellant, vs. Nancy J. Shelly, et al, appeal from Lane county; suit over real estate transaction. Opinion by Justice Benson. Case modified as to costs and disbursements.

### CANCER

To any person who may be interested I will state that I was afflicted with CANCER involving almost the entire lower lip for two years or more. I consulted with Dr. K. C. Stone, Salem, Oregon, who applied a medicine for five days and the CANCER came out entire to my great satisfaction. The place healed up nicely and I can truly recommend Dr. Stone and his treatment.

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name for the club was not chosen until the third regular meeting held Tuesday. At this time Kafoury Brothers were hosts to the club, a sumptuous banquet being provided. The employees have found in this club the realization of a long felt desire to promote a spirit of co-operation in the routine of the day and to provide a vehicle for the enjoyment of social association. Some of the meetings of the club are given over to discussions of membership methods and experiences. The more serious evenings are interspersed with golf-fellowship gatherings, when programs are provided for and a general social time had.

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