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A comprehensive and far-reaching program for bringing settlers to Oregon on a wholesale scale from the middle western states during the coming summer has been announced by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. This plan, which has been "in the making" for several months, includes the routing of hundreds of homeseekers to Oregon in a body and a personally conducted tour by automobile over the entire state.

The State Chamber will devote its entire energy and resources to the task of putting this plan thru affectively during the coming spring and summer.

Briefly, the program adopted by the Board of Directors is as follows: Early this spring, agents will be sent to canvass the middle western states including the Dakotas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah, for the purpose of interviewing prospective immigrants who are contemplating a move westward. Advice received by the State Chamber during the past few months indicate that this westward movement will be on a larger scale this summer than in former years, and these advance agents will gather together a large group to move to Oregon on a fixed schedule and a certain date.

It is believed that a party of at least 500 prospective settlers could be grouped together in this way and brot to Oregon in a body. Definite assurances have been given by the railroads that they will cooperate in every way with the proposed plan. Homeseekers rates which were suspended during the war were put into effect again last Tuesday following a conference of railroad officials at Omaha. Wm. McMurry, General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific lines, wired from Omaha on that date, informing the State Chamber that the Union Pacific would cooperate in every way possible in the proposed plan and that the homeseekers rates had been put into effect on the Union Pacific lines serving Oregon.

Taking advantage of these rates, which permits of stop-overs on any point enroute, the party of homeseekers would arrive in Oregon, the rail trip coming to an end at the most advantageous point. From that point a personally-conducted tour over the entire state by automobile would begin.

The routing of the party thru the state would be in the hands of a committee from the State Chamber. This committee would select the most favorable itinerary which would enable the settlers to investigate the wool and wheat growing sections, irrigated lands, districts, and all the agricultural and industrial resources of the state. Great care would be used in selecting this itinerary, so that every representative district of the entire state would be covered by the party in the shortest space of time consistent with a thorough investigation.

"The principal object of the trip is to show the middle western farmer what can be raised in Oregon," according to Secretary Quayle's report. "The cheapness and fertility of the land and the potential resources of the state in general. One of the duties of the advance agents operating in the middle west would be to find out from each prospective settler exactly the part of the state in which he is interested and he will be diverted to that locality.

"Different commercial organizations throughout the state will appoint committees who will secure specific tracts of land for sale on appraised values based on crop production.

"The party would be made up not only of farmers, but of bankers and business men who would be interested in the industrial as well as the agricultural possibilities of the state.

To those who are interested primarily in the industrial as well as the agricultural possibilities, many sections of the state would have a great appeal. The cheapness of the water power and the resources awaiting development would be impressed upon them.

Upon arrival in Oregon the party would be entertained by the various commercial organizations along the

route. Advance preparations would be made for their reception and each community would endeavor to impress the visitors with the attractions they have to offer. Data will be compiled relative to all branches of the state's resources, especially in regard to the possibilities of the various communities thru which the party will be shown.

"Many settlers from the middle west have been placed in Oregon thru correspondence. Hundreds are preparing to move westward with the coming of summer. By grouping them together, under the direction and care of representatives of the State Chamber and with all arrangements for their entertainment made in advance and assured of a royal welcome along the route, it is believed that a large number of substantial citizens can be added to the state."

In addition to the cooperation of the railroads, which has already been assured, the cooperation of various organizations and associations including the newly formed Oregon Tourist Bureau, the Farm Bureau, the Oregon State Motor Association, the Wool Growers Association and the directors of the 1925 Exposition is expected.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior U. S. LAND OFFICE at The Dalles, Oregon, March 24, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that Joseph T. Healey of Boardman, Oregon, who, on August 22, 1917, made Homestead Entry No. 019001, for NE 1/4 SW 1/4 being Unit "A" Umatilla Project, Section 11, Township 4-North, Range 25-East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described before C. G. Blayden, United States Commissioner at Boardman, Ore., on the 9th day of May, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses, Ernest Brown, Frank Cramer, Sam H. Boardman and J. C. Ballenger all of Boardman, Ore.
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