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RANKIN BACKS ASHLAND-LAKE O'WOODS ROAD

FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM GREEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN TO LAKE O' WOODS IS BRIGHT PROSPECT.

R. H. Rankin, Supervisor of Crater Lake National Park, Promises Co-operation; Senator Stanfield Explains New Federal Road Law.

In accordance with provisions for federal construction of roads through the national forest reserves, made in a recently enacted highway law, prospects for a new twenty mile road connecting Ashland and Lake O' Woods from the summit of the Green Springs mountain to the lake have assumed a brighter aspect, Louis Dodge, chairman of the Ashland-Crater Lake road committee, stated this morning.

Following work and "wre-pulling" of the past few months, R. H. Rankin, supervisor of the Crater Lake national forest, has definitely promised to exert influence to have the road built with an appropriation from the fund allowed for Oregon road construction by the federal act providing for a \$75,000,000 national fund, Mr. Dodge stated. A definite decision is expected within the next few days. Those on the committee are Louis Dodge, J. H. McGee, E. V. Carter, Dr. F. H. Johnson and Amos Nininger.

The following dispatch giving an interview with Senator Stanfield, clarifies the provisions made in the new federal law governing such road building:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—In an interview today Senator Stanfield, a member of the senate committee on post offices and post roads that considered and reported the recently passed federal aid highway law, said: "This act provides \$75,000,000 for public roads. These federal funds must be matched by like amounts of state funds except in states where more than 5 per cent of the area of the state is unappropriated public lands, and in these states the amount is reduced in proportion to the amount of unappropriated public lands, but the amount of federal funds allotted to the state is not increased.

"This act also provides \$15,000,000 for the construction and maintenance of forest roads, of which \$5,000,000 is now available and \$10,000,000 available July 1 next.

"Forest roads are defined by the act to be 'roads wholly or partly within or adjacent to and serving the national forests.

"The forest road funds are divided and apportioned as follows:

"Fifty per cent but not exceeding \$2,000,000 in any one year must be expended in the construction and maintenance of roads and trails of primary importance for the protection, administration and utilization of the national forests and appropriated among the several states, Alaska and Porto Rico, according to the relative need of the various national forests, taking into consideration the existing transportation facilities, value of timber, or other resources served, relative fire danger, and comparative difficulties of road trail construction.

"The balance to be expended in the construction and maintenance of forest roads of primary importance for the state, counties or communities within, adjoining or adjacent to national forests, and apportioned among the several states, Alaska and Porto Rico, according to the relative need and value of the land owned by the government within the na-

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Bank President Killed in \$10,000 Holdup; One Dead, 2 Hurt in Stock Trades Brawl

POLICE GUARD IS OVERPOWERED BY DARING BANDITS

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—John Soffel, president of the Maywood State bank, was shot and killed and two others wounded in a fierce battle with automobile bandits who escaped with \$10,000 in currency, taken in a payroll robbery. Louis Sweeney, chief of police of Maywood, a suburb of Chicago, and Arthur Benson, bank clerk, are the two wounded men.

The money taken from Soffel and Benson by the bandits was being taken to the plant of the American Can company, where it was to have been used to meet the factory payroll. Sweeney accompanied Soffel and Benson for the purpose of guarding the money.

Farmers Week Medford From January 9 to 14

The week of January 9 to 14 has been set aside exclusively for farmers and homemakers of Jackson county. Every day of the week will be full of good things.

The first day of the week will be devoted to poultry, clothing and textiles, home decoration and millinery, Tuesday to animal husbandry, dairy, child and adult nutrition. Wednesday to farm crops, irrigation, rodents, water systems; Thursday to horticulture, including spraying, diseases, insects, pruning, etc., home conveniences, home management, and home building; Friday to marketing, including work of co-operative organization on wool, fruit, live stock, grain and poultry, boys' and girls' club work, and Prof. Brumbaugh on psychology; Saturday "everybody come" day. Prof. Brumbaugh will be here.

There will be a nursery for all children at the South Methodist church, just across the street from the library.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS MEET

Mrs. Josephine Champie Ashland Supt. Children's Division

At a meeting of the Jackson County Sunday School association officers and workers, held in Medford Tuesday, the following persons were elected to office: President of the Talent and Phoenix district, Joseph E. Webster; Talent-Medford district, Prof. Aubrey Smith, Medford; Central Point district, E. C. Faber; Central Point; administrative division superintendent, Walter Frazier Brown, Phoenix; adult division superintendent, George M. Mordoff, Medford; young people's division superintendent, Mrs. C. H. Pierce, Medford; children's division superintendent, Mrs. Josephine Champie, Ashland.

The other county officers are: President, J. A. Bickerdike, Talent; vice president, Clyde Hillis, Medford; secretary and treasurer, W. W. Robinson, Ashland.

Plans were also made at this meeting for a series of one-day Sunday school institutes to be held at Ashland, Phoenix, Medford and Central Point on January 24 to 27 inclusive. Rev. W. L. Van Nuys, Miss Georgia Parker and Mrs. Clara G. Essen, all of Portland, have been secured as speakers, and this promises good things for these institutes.

About two hundred different substances are made from petroleum.

Red Ousted In Korelian Clash; 500 Are Killed

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Five hundred Russian soviet soldiers were killed in a battle with the Karelians at Rukajervi today, according to dispatches received here from Copenhagen. The town was taken by the Reds after a two day struggle.

The town has previously been taken by the Reds. The Karelians retired and later, reorganizing their forces, retook the place after a violent engagement.

HINT EXCLUSION JAP MAINLAND FROM AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—While the armament conference turned into the home stretch on the adjustment of naval limitation and Chinese matters, it was officially announced today that an agreement has been reached between the United States, Great Britain and France to exclude mainland Japan from provisions of the four power Pacific treaty and thus remove one of the chief causes of senatorial opposition to it.

According to information obtained from official British sources, the understanding will be consolidated by a series of international "clarifying notes."

At a meeting of the Far East committee, the powers formally ratified the proposal granting China a 5 per cent tariff.

\$5,000,000 Fire Sweeps London; 1,000 Homeless

HATLEPOOL, Eng., Jan. 5.—A thousand persons are homeless in this city today as the result of a great fire which swept the dock district along the waterfront. The damage was estimated at \$5,000,000 this noon when the fire was still spreading despite the heroic efforts of the firemen to curb it.

MUCH TIMBER IS MENACED Beetles Threaten 1,500,000,000 Feet of Stumpage

Pine beetles are greatly endangering the life of more than 1,000,000 acres of Southern Oregon timber, according to a report made by A. J. Joenicke of the forest service to the district forester. The report is the result of six months of investigation work conducted by representatives of federal and private owners.

At least 1,500,000,000 feet of yellow pine has been damaged during the last ten years. The report urges the necessity for prompt control measures if further damage is to be prevented. The infested timber is located in Klamath and Lake counties.

Private timber owners have organized for the control of the menace, but because federal and private timber intermingle it is necessary to institute control measures on the federal timber at the same time, according to Mr. Joenicke. A bill has been passed by the lower house of congress appropriating \$150,000 to war on the beetles. The forest service expects the senate to pass this legislation early this month.

LIVESTOCK MEN STAGE KANSAS CITY SHOOTING

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Jan. 5.—Harry Bruner, yard trader for Jacob's Brothers company, is dead, W. B. Hall, livestock agent for the Burlington railroad, is dying, and A. Drahos, Missouri Pacific railroad livestock agent, is wounded as the result of a shooting affray in the lobby of the livestock exchange building today.

Frank Thompson, livestock speculator, is charged with the shooting. The lobby was filled with traders and dealers at the time of the shooting, all of the men gathering around Thompson and Bruner when the former started an argument. It is alleged that Thompson drew a revolver and fired point blank at Bruner. The flying bullets struck Hall and Drahos. The argument is reported to have been over a gambling debt.

1921 Failures In Business Breaks Former Records

Liquidation in the form of failure was heavy in 1921, both number and liabilities exceeding any previous records. For this, low prices of farm products in the country and restricted employment in the cities—reduced purchasing power, in short—were mainly responsible. Other contributory causes were the perpendicular drop in values of goods, many concerns finding themselves hung up with unsalable products. Back of all this, however, it must be noted that additions to the business community in the past two years were enormously large, 11 per cent over 1919, and 16 per cent as compared with 1915, a preceding year of stress with which comparisons will naturally be made. For eleven months the number of failures exceeded those of 1915 by four-tenths of one per cent. Compared with 1919, the most favorable year as regards failures there is of record since 1881, failures were three times as large. Liabilities for eleven months, \$663,404,163, were just double those of 1920, and 160 per cent larger than in 1915. But the outlook for 1922 might be termed fair and warmer.—Bradstreet's Review.

LEGION ENROLLMENT WEEK

Membership Drive Arranged for 105 Oregon Posts

A gigantic membership drive, taking in its sweep all of the active members of the 105 posts of the American Legion in Oregon, has been arranged by the state department, the American Legion of Oregon, for the third week in January, the 16th to 21st inclusive, to be known as "legion enrollment week." All posts have been instructed on the drive, and all necessary information and literature has been sent out by the state department, and Governor O'Leary, it is expected, will issue a proclamation sometime next week, embodying the principles of the drive and the necessity of the ex-service men and women who served honorably in the world war to band together in the American Legion for the perpetuation of the aims and ideals for which they fought, and the furtherance of the greatest organization in existence today.

Oregon Guard Leads Western States in Strength, Efficiency Establish Training Camp Attendance Record

ASHLAND COMPANY IN FIRST PLACE FOR CONDITION OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; ARMORY HOUSES \$20,000 VALUES

The First company, Oregon Coast Artillery, of Ashland, holds the first place among state companies for the condition of company supplies and material, Captain William M. Briggs stated this morning. The company, Captain Briggs says, is exceptionally strong financially and at the present time has \$20,000 worth of supplies and material housed in the armory where many new improvements have been made during the past few weeks. The company was awarded first place for condition of materials at an inspection made by state officers two months ago.

Drills have been well attended. James Blair having been the only member not accounted for at the drill Monday evening. Captain Briggs states that proper military action will be taken against the absent guardsman to insure his future attendance.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 5.—Oregon's national guard finished the past year again in first place for relative strength and general efficiency among all western and Pacific coast states of the Ninth corps area. Oregon has held its place at the head of the western procession now for sixteen consecutive months, according to the monthly reports put out by the federal government and filed with George A. White, adjutant-general of the state.

During the past year the Oregon citizen soldiery has made some new and unique records. The largest number of men ever sent from Oregon to training camps attended the summer maneuver periods last June at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens. The total attendance of Oregon citizen soldiers at these two-weeks training camps was 1800, as compared with half that number for 1920. The state did not send any men in 1919.

Strength Nearly Doubled The strength of the citizen soldiery nearly doubled during the year. At the end of last year the total strength was 1400, while at the present time approximately 2400 men are enrolled and receiving training in the duties of national defense in the various armories of the state. The greater portion of the expense is borne by the federal government. The theory of the government is to train citizens without withdrawing them from the productive life of the country. By paying them, through the states, for armory drills, the government is saved the expense of keeping a large standing army as it does not have to furnish rations and high grades of pay. At the same time the men are ready for call and active service in



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According to the report of the Ashland free public library for the year ending December 31, the public interest in the library has greatly increased during the past year. The report as handed to the library committee by Miss Blanche Hicks, librarian, and approved by the committee and the city council, shows that the increase in the circulation is from 15 to 16 per cent greater than for the previous year. The number of books has been materially increased, so at the present time there is a total of 9049, a net increase of 299.

During the past year there have been loaned to the patrons 43,017 books. Of this number, 28,173 were adult books, and 14,889 were for children. Books of fiction reached the total of 28,146, while non-fiction were only 14,871. Of newspapers and periodicals, eighty-four come regularly to the library, fifty-three being paid for by the library, and thirty-one donated by individuals. The number of patrons has increased about 500 during the past year and brings the average daily circulation up to 140. Among the non-fiction books, the most popular are those dealing with automobiles. Next come works on poultry, then psychology and biographies.

The balance of cash on hand is \$1697.15, but Miss Hicks says that when it is taken into consideration that this amount must meet all bills until the next tax money is paid in, it is really only sufficient to meet the current expenses.

The following is the detailed report submitted to the city council yesterday evening by Miss Hicks:

Finance—

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HARSH STORIES CONFRONTED BY SENATE COMM.

SAN FRANCISCO MAN MAKES TRIP TO WASHINGTON AT OWN EXPENSE TO ACCUSE OVERSEAS OFFICERS OF KILLING.

Charges Man Was Shot Down by Drunken Sergeant and Witnesses to Affray Put on Bread and Water Diet; Witness Given Loud Applause and Cheers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—More tales of American soldiers in France being killed and shot down in "cold blood" by their superior officers, rolled in on the senate committee investigating the charges of Senator Watson claiming indiscriminate killings in the American Expeditionary forces during the world war, during the course of today's session.

Edmund Dunner, of San Francisco, who came to Washington at his own expense to testify before the senate committee, swore that he saw a soldier shot dead by a drunken sergeant because the man asked for a piece of bread.

Dunner said that he made the trip at his own expense "because I wanted the country to find out the truth and for the sake of my buddies now lying in the hospital." "You are a patriotic citizen," commented Senator Overman.

"Yes, sir, I am one hundred per cent American—there's only a few of us left," shot back Dunner.

Dunner's reply created a burst of applause and cheering which lasted several minutes.

Dunner testified that on the afternoon the soldier was shot, a big "Pollock" officer drove up in a big touring car and asked who saw the shooting.

"Those of us who gave our names," said Dunner, "were put on bread and water. Nothing was ever done to the sergeant."

MRS. DE HAAS FUNERAL HELD

Mrs. Jane Eliza De Haas, 76, Buried in Mountain View Cemetery

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Jane De Haas, 76, who died Saturday at her home at 39 Union street, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dodge undertaking parlors. Rev. Walter A. Evans, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was made in the Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. De Haas was the widow of James De Haas. She has resided in Ashland for the past four years and was born March 9, 1845. She is survived by a son, Ivan C. De Haas, and two grandchildren.

GREEK DESTROYER BLOWS UP

Fifty Sailors Killed and Twenty Injured; Piraeus Harbor

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—Fifty sailors were killed and twenty injured today when the Greek destroyer Leon exploded in Piraeus harbor. Two other warships which were alongside the Leon were damaged.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Postmaster General Hays has not signed any contract with moving picture interests, he declared today. Hays branded a newspaper story printed today he had signed a contract with moving picture interests a week ago, as "absolutely false."

Fish that prey on mosquito larvae were used on a large scale in freeing the city of Guayaquil from yellow fever. They were placed in the thousands of receptacles in which the inhabitants keep their domestic water supply.

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