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PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR WEST

Oregon is on the eve of a great awakening. The morrow will bring the Panama Canal, and with it will come unbounded opportunities with their attendant influx of population and consequent commercial and industrial growth, advancement and prosperity.

Our Creator in the beginning moulded our state with kindly hands. When we think of her delightful climate, her hundreds of miles of golden beach, her lofty mountains and rushing streams, crystal lakes and beautiful harbors, her magnificent forests and rolling prairies, fertile valleys and roaming herds, of her waving grain and luscious fruits, a land dotted with prosperous cities and productive farms, we must admit that nature has fully performed her part. The federal government too has treated us fairly in the way of appropriations for the development of our waterways and even the railroads have awakened to the realization of our needs and their opportunities and are checkerboarding the state with bands of steel.

In view of these things we are prompted to ask ourselves what should we do in the way of co-operation with these several agencies for the development of the state? It is true that we have given good laws, good government and good schools and many other desirable things to those who have come of the things we have failed to do and chief among these is our neglect in the matter of the construction of good roads.

Without good roads there can be no great development and no great progress. What we need most is more people—more people in the rural districts. And in order to attract people to the rural district we must make rural life pleasant and attractive. You cannot maroon a new settler and his family on a farm in an ocean of mud, no matter how beautiful the spot, and expect to find him happy and content. He demands good roads leading to the church and the schools and good roads leading to the markets and he is going to locate in that section where these advantages are to be found.

It is not only our duty but it is in keeping with good business to build good roads. Money spent for good roads is money well spent. When we speak of spending several millions of dollars during the next few years in road construction many are staggered by the proposal and the figures. They apparently are not aware that the several counties in this state spent over ten million of dollars during the past six years for road work, much of which was lost through lack of system and knowledge as to scientific road building.

The question of good roads has been fairly well discussed of late and we have learned more about road building during the past few years than we ever knew before, but we still have much to learn and still have much to do before we undertake on a large scale the construction of a system of highways in this state.

We need—first; the passage of model good road laws. Second; a competent man at the head of the highway department. Third; funds sufficient to carry on the work.

These things will come only through united effort, and united effort will come only through a clear understanding of the whole question by the whole people of this state. This understanding will

CHICAGO AND NORTH- WESTERN TO SIUSLAW

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—The Chicago and Northwestern railroad is to hurry to completion construction work on a road that will connect existing lines and the lines over which it has traffic arrangements, with the Pacific coast. President Gardner, of the road, is in the Pacific northwest making final arrangements for the beginning of construction work.

According to the Oregonian, the northwestern will use the Northern Pacific from St. Paul to Alder, Montana. From Alder to a point east of Lewiston, Idaho, it will follow the Pittsburg and Gilmore, which is owned by the North western. At that point it will divide, one road by way of Ontario and over the Oregon Eastern to Eugene, and then over the Pacific Great Western, which will terminate in Coos Bay, while the other branch will follow the Columbia river into Portland.

come only through the study, and education of the whole people.

Numerous bills are about to be initiated or presented to the legislature by the friends of good roads in different parts of the state; and,

Whereas, It is most important that the people of Oregon should give deep and thoughtful attention to the consideration, study and discussion of these measures.

Now, Therefore, I, Oswald West, Governor of the State of Oregon, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby proclaim the week beginning the fourth day of February, and ending the tenth day of February, as Good Roads week, and I do hereby earnestly recommend to the people of this state that during this period the question of good roads legislation be given careful thought and study through public and private discussion and through the columns of the press, in order that knowledge pertaining thereto may be increased, public sentiment crystallized and effective legislation secured.

In Testimony Hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, on this the twenty-sixth day of January 1912.

INDIAN HEIRS ASK FOR DONATION LAND

E. M. Garber, a special representative of the Interior Department at Washington in behalf of the government and Hon. Binger Herman as attorney for the aboriginal claimant, took testimony here last Wednesday in a case wherein Jake Fern has applied for title to lands which were originally donated to members of the Umpqua and Calapooya Indian tribes, he be the last surviving heir of these tribes. The testimony of Fern in his own behalf was taken, and also that of Dr. Oglesby and Jas. H. McFarland, of this city.

There are 1,480 acres of the land for which Fern has applied, 1000 acres lying in the Yoncalla valley in Douglas county and 480 in Lynx hollow, eight miles northwest of Cottage Grove in Lane.

Jake Fern is a direct descendant from both tribes and the only one left, thus being the sole heir to any property belonging to those tribes.

After concluding taking testimony here Mr. Herman returned to his home at Roseburg while Mr. Garber went to Siltz where he did a like work for other Indians in that section till the last of the week where he went to Newport for Sunday, and returned to this city yesterday afternoon.

In the event that these Indians are successful in securing these lands they will be placed upon the market at private sale.

Battleship in Collision

Honolulu, Jan. 24.—In a collision today between the liner Cleveland and the United States cruiser Colorado, the latter suffered considerable damage. The collision was due to the fact that Pilot Milton P. Saunders, who was in charge of the Cleveland, dropped dead on the liner's bridge. The collision occurred while the Cleveland, which carried hundreds of American travelers making a trip around the world, was being brought into harbor by Pilot Saunders. The Colorado was at anchor in the harbor. The Cleveland was not injured.

The price of coal is a burning shame.

BOARD OF TRADE FOR COTTAGE GROVE

Cottage Grove now has a full-fledged board of trade which was brought about last week through the efforts of our townsmen and merchants Geo. H. Tyson and C. H. Burkholder. Early in the week these gentlemen got busy and on Tuesday evening, having gotten almost every business man in the city in line, the organization was effected, and the following list of officers were elected: President, B. Lurch; Vice President, C. H. Burkholder; Secretary, S. L. Mackin; Treasurer, G. Graber. Board of directors—B. K. Lawson, C. J. Kem, C. W. Wallace, C. H. Vandenburg.

Twenty-six enthusiastic members were enrolled and their success as a business man's organization is fully assured as there is much work for such an organization and great things to be accomplished through their concerted efforts.

Knowles' Body Found

Portland, Or., Jan. 25.—Underneath the bow deck and just forward of the firehold, the body of Silas Knowles, the fireman who lost his life in the steamer Sarah Dixon disaster, was recovered from the wreck at 5 o'clock last night and reached Portland at 9:10 this morning on the steamer Echo. The body will be taken to Coos Bay by the steamer Alliance, sailing tonight, and from there forwarded to Florence, Or., where the parents of the deceased live, for burial. He was 21.

Close to the shoulder the left arm of Knowles was blown off by the force of the explosion. Excepting one shoe and his overalls there was no wearing apparel on the body. A piece of wood had been driven into his face, and back of this missile a strip of cloth was pinioned.

Hope of finding the bodies of Captain Stimson and Mate Monical has about been abandoned. The general theory seems to be that they were blown into atoms.

Sheriff Bowen was up from the county seat one day last week transacting business in his official capacity.

WONDERFULLY RICH BOHEMIA MINES

A special meeting of the stockholders of the North Fairview Mining Co. was recently held at Eugene and attended by interested parties from many points in the county.

In reporting the meeting the Eugene Register among other things said:

Recent development of the company's mines show fabulously rich deposits of high grade, free milling ore in quantities sufficient to operate the mill, recently secured, for a period of several years.

The company took over the Crystal mill and properties last December and now with this addition, it has one of the best equipped properties in the entire Bohemia district.

The West Coast Mining company, whose mines adjoin those of the North Fairview on the east, has been operating its mill continuously since June 1910, and the output has averaged approximately \$800 per day.

Reports emanating from Bohemia are very flattering indeed, and indications point to an era of unusual activity.

Noted Trainer Dies.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 25.—Billy Delaney trained many of the most prominent fighters of the last 25 years, including Johnson, Jeffries, Corbett, Choyinski, Jimmy Britt and Kaufman. He trained Johnson for his championship fight with Jeffries at Reno and also was instrumental in arranging the match and backing the colored fighter.

Delaney was 58 years old. He lived almost his entire lifetime on the Pacific Coast, and was inseparably associated with the history of amateur and professional boxing in the west.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Gore advocates an annual federal appropriation of from ten to twelve millions for the next ten years to be expended in the roads. To derive the benefit from such funds the states would have appropriated double or treble the amount received from the government. He is preparing a bill for this purpose.

LARGE MILL FOR LANE COUNTY

The Wending-Johnson Lumber company has taken over 8,000 acres more of the tract of timber land purchased by them last summer in the western end of Lane county and the deeds were filed for record this afternoon. Approximately 500,000,000 ft. of timber is included in this deal and completes the million-dollar sale that was made during the last year by Jesse W. Bounds and M. D. Johnson to the Wending people.

Representatives of the company have been in Eugene from San Francisco for several days closing up the deal and it was not until last evening that it was decided to file the deed so soon. Two or three of them were filed just before the county clerk's office closed last evening and were forwarded to Roseburg on the night train to file there, as a part of the land lies in Douglas county. The \$300,000 in payment for this land has been deposited in the First National bank and will at once be distributed among the members of the pool.

In all probability the company will begin the construction of a very large mill in the spring to handle the large timber holdings of the company. The capacity of the mill will be from 250,000 to 300,000, and the location is yet unsettled, some members of the firm favoring a site on the lower Siuslaw, shipments to be made by water, while others favor a location on the interior, deliveries of lumber to be made by rail, however, this will depend largely upon the rates obtainable upon the delivery of logs at the mill.

A good deal of interest and comment has been raised over the class in Parliamentary Law. Two strong college debaters from Cottage Grove, Carlton Spencer and Homer Hawley, are prominent in this class. Especially well-known is Carlton Spencer as he was the first U. of O. Freshman to win the alumni prize for debating. He also has been prominent in inter-collegiate debates.

The purpose of this class in Parliamentary Law is to give to the students a thorough knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order that they may be beneficial in later years of their life as well as in parliamentary in college meetings. This will include the procedure necessary to table a motion, which is essential knowledge to those who ever expect to be active in meetings of any kind. Assistant Professor in Public Speaking, Coach Johnson, will conduct this class.

Polish farmers in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York has bought a tract of 20,000 acres in northern Wisconsin and some 800 families are expected to settle there early next year. It is said that there are about 3,000,000 acres of undeveloped land in the region and there are expectations that it will be cultivated before long. Many of the Polish immigrants to this country are peasants from the farming districts and rather misplaced in big manufacturing. It would be a good thing for all concerned if many more of our newcomers from Europe's rural districts could and would get "back to the farm" in the new world, says the editor of an exchange.

J. F. Earl, the bridge carpenter, is home from eastern Oregon where he has been engaged with a bridge gang on the O. R. & N. He is now engaged in making some improvements on his home in this city.

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