

Oregon Stands To Lose Road Funds of Three Million Dollars

Duane Auto License Bills Retard Progress of Highway Development

The Oregon Good Roads association, in order to clarify the atmosphere caused by the initiation of several motor license bills, sends out the following story anent the measure fathered by Joe Dunne of Portland. The story is plain fact and should be digested by all who have the best interests of Oregon's road program at heart:

Oregon motorists and taxpayers will be interested in the fact that the so-called \$3 and \$5 measures, which would have effected the state highway program, will not appear on the November ballot, as the necessary signatures to initiative petitions were not filed at Salem.

The public mind has become confused through extensive preliminary discussion in the state press of these bills, and it should be pointed out, as a matter of interest of the highest importance, that the only measures relating to motor vehicle licenses and a tax on gasoline which will have a place on the ballot are those initiated by Joe Dunne, of Portland.

Mr. Dunne's license bill provides for a general reduction in license fees of approximately 50 per cent. If this bill should be approved by the people in November, the state highway fund will lose about \$3,000,000. The other initiative measure would increase the gasoline tax from three to five cents per gallon. If both bills should pass, the state's income from the gas tax would be increased about \$1,200,000 leaving the highway department with a net loss of nearly \$2,000,000. Should the people approve the decreased license fees set up in the Dunne bill and reject the increased gas tax of his other bill, the net loss to the highway fund would amount to a sum equivalent to that now available for new construction and betterments. Under this threatening situation, the highway commission has been forced to call a halt in its contemplated program for next year and to hold in abeyance any expenditure other than maintenance and the mandatory payments of principal and interests on bonds of principal and interest on.

The above figures are based on careful and conservative estimates of state revenues relating to the highway fund, which was set up by the people and the legislature to accomplish a definite program of state road construction. This program is far from completion at this time.

HOTTEST WEATHER KNOWN

Oldest Settler Fails to Recall Such Continuous Heat Wave

The weather all this week has been the longest continuous spell of hot weather ever known in this section. People who have lived hereabouts for many years cannot recall such a long spell of hot weather. While the thermometer has reached a point as high as any lately recorded, still such spells were but for a day or so at a time, never running longer. The record for the past few days has fluctuated between 110 degrees and 116 degrees, with extremely warm nights, making comfortable sleep an impossibility. It may have been ideal harvest weather but the most of us would rather it be a little cooler for bodily comfort.

SHOWERED POPULAR LADY

Miss Regina Muller Recipient of Aluminum Household Articles

An aluminum shower was given Miss Regina Muller at the rock crusher camp one evening last week, it being attended by nearly all the crusher employes as well as quite a number from both East and West and will also connect up the two events is the approaching marriage of that popular young lady.

\$1.00 package of Kiss Proof face powder, while they last, 85 cents, at the Maupin Drug Store.

NEW FOREST ROAD MAP ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT

Paved and Other Roads Marked—National Forests and Roads Shown up Plainly

A new edition of the popular Oregon road and information map folder has just been received at the office of the district forester, Portland Oregon.

The map shows main paved and gravel roads in red. Trunk highways other automobile roads and secondary roads are also indicated. National forests are shown in green, while recreation centers are located by means of red circles and numbered references to the printed description.

The text on the reverse of the map gives brief descriptions of the principal recreation features on each of the fourteen national forests in the state. A list of city and roadside automobile campgrounds is also included. There are several attractive forest photographs, a brief statement of national forest policy and purpose and some suggestions for forest travelers as to care with fire.

Copies of the map may be obtained from the district office library, New Postoffice Building, Portland, Oregon, or from any of the fourteen forest supervisors in the state. The forest service makes no charge for these maps, simply requesting co-operation from the map users in educating the public to leave a clean camp and a dead fire.

GETS NEWS OF HER STEP-FATHER'S DEATH

Visitor in Maupin Cuts Visit Short and Hastens to Spokane in Answer to Summons

Last Sunday R. E. Wilson met his cousin, Mr. W. V. Patrick, and her son at The Dalles and brought them to his home in Maupin for a visit. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Patrick received a telegram notifying her of the death of her step-father, Stewart Castner, which occurred at a hospital in Spokane that day. Mr. Castner had been confined to the institution for several months and his death came as no surprise. Mrs. Patrick left on the early O. T. train for the capital city of the Inland Empire to be present at the funeral, leaving her son with the Wilsons for a more extended visit.

WAREHOUSE BROKEN INTO

Fountain Pen and Indelible Pencils Only Loot Obtained

Last Thursday night the office of the Maupin Warehouse company was broken into and desks and table ransacked. When Manger Morris entered the office the next morning he discovered the wreckage and investigation showed a fountain pen and several pencils missing.

As evidence of the depravity of the burglar Mr. Morris discovered that a magazine has been torn into pieces, these being placed in a desk drawer and set on fire. On those scraps a bunch of tickets had been strewn, then the desk closed. The last probably prevented a disastrous fire, as being closely confined the paper scrap fire was smothered.

A man was seen hanging around the warehouse during part of last Thursday and it is supposed he was the guilty one.

Meningitis Hits Another Section

The disease which attacked cattle on Bakeoven recently struck in another section last week, one of Otto Herrling's steers being the victim. The animal was taken sick Saturday and died Sunday morning, it having all the symptoms of the malady which took off several head of stock on Bakeoven.

Tum-A-Lum Loses

The fire which took several business blocks and fruit warehouses at Milton-Freewater Sunday morning burned the big lumber stock of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company at that place. The total loss by that fire is said to be fully \$200,000.

Swimming at Tygh

The hot days have caused many Maupinites to go to Tygh Valley and indulge in swimming in Tygh creek. The water of that stream is warm enough to make bathing therein enjoyable, and people from all over this section visit Tygh nightly.

A Little Co-Operative Aid Would Build Lake Dam

TO POPULATE THE FLAT AND INDUCE SETTLEMENT OF MORE RANCHERS DAM AT CLEAR LAKE IS ABSOLUTE NECESSITY - WOULD HELP MAUPIN

A rancher of Juniper Flat sends us the following anent the construction of a dam at Clear Lake, and points out the incalculable benefit such a structure would be to this section. The writer is thoroughly conversant with conditions on the Flat and his idea is sound and feasible and should be followed. Our correspondent says:

Irrigation water was shut off for this season on Monday, but stock water supply was not shut off.

Most of the farmers have cut or are cutting their second alfalfa crop for this season. The moisture in the hay land, will, in most cases, produce a small third cutting, and is not cut the fields will supply good pasture or cover crop for winter protection. The first cutting this year went as high as two and one-half tons to the acre. The after-summer shortage is due to the seemingly unjust decision favorable to the White River plant, and only proves that our farmers have need of the storage of waters of Clear Lake, Beaver swamp and McCubbins gulch, especially the dam at Clear Lake.

This wonderful site is in its own class as a storage basin, in that it has a guaranteed to hold bottom, being natural lake. Artificially created basins some times fail to hold, as, for example the Tumalo dam reservoir. Again, the Tumalo dam is 90 feet high, cost \$125,000 and is a loss to the project as the irrigated acre in every case (government of private work) must bear the final cost.

In order to get a basin the size of the Clear Lake storage possibility the Ochocho dam, 500 feet long and 125 feet high—being the highest dirt dam in the world—cost 11 times the estimated cost of our own Clear Lake dam.

The extra alfalfa grown on Wapinitia Plain, would, in four years, pay the first cost of the Clear Lake dam and would continue as an insurance to crops down thru the years. Land now dry in summer fallow or in wheat valued at \$25.00 per acre, with no bidders, could be cut up into 40 of 60-acre, or even smaller tracts, and would find buyers at prices from \$100.00 to \$200.00 per acre on terms in keeping with such subdivision practice.

It took some effort, naturally, just as it has taken forethought and lots of hammering, to get our improved highways. Hog are going, and will go to Kenton via trucks by night, in the cool, swift way that leaves more net profit. The new cut-off in 1929 will enable the Wapinitia project farmer to do this kind of marketing better than other distant projects could do it.

It takes pioneering and vision to sit in on the success of after development. The Wapinitia Irrigation company saw the light of the future in that project and in its geographic location in respect to markets and raw supplies. The members of the company went in to stand the long costly fight to clear the title and dig the canal. After three straight

Sundayed at Frog Lake

Tom Gallagher and family with A. N. Schantz and wife, spent Sunday at Frog Lake. On their return the party stopped at Bear Springs and there had an evening lunch.

Visited in Idaho

Dr. L. S. Stovall and wife with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland of Corvallis, went to Payette, Idaho, the latter part of last week, going by way of the John Day highway. They visited there until yesterday with Mrs. Stovall's sister, and came back via the Old Oregon Trail.

Cutting Alfalfa

Bill Staats has been helping Brittain Slusher with his wheat harvest. That rancher having completed cutting on the Hanna place, the crop going a little better than 25 bushels, laid off a day or so to cut his alfalfa, allowing our fish raiser to come home and rest up.

years of work on top of the cost of buying out the Keep company, and paying for the engineering and legal bills, the water flowed out and we all rejoiced. Then came a time of reconstruction after the war. Men became mad and bought beyond their means; wheat went into a period of successive slumps as compared with what the farmers had to buy. We all became poor and hard up; some went broke, others stuck it out and are coming thru O. K. We are today harvesting good crops as a whole district, while the crop for the whole U. S. is short many millions of bushels. This means a proable fair price for our wheat.

If we can club together to the end that we can build the dam say 10 or 12 feet, with the storage thus saved we would have sufficient for after-summer water use. Later we can build up to 35 feet, or even higher, as we are able. If we go outside to get the money that will cost us more than the traffic will bear. If the money that builds the dam is given a good round profit in money payment or water payment return it is by all means right that the farmers should invest in it and reap the returns direct instead of thru some outside agency interested only in the long profit expected.

Back in the risk days of 1916-17 five men took a chance with the company in a project section that was a bigger task than the dam, namely: the "Big Cut." They appointed L. C. Henneghan as secretary-treasurer to handle the funds. These men were Fendel Batty, L. C. Henneghan, J. S. Brown, Frank Batty and John Ward. While the cut cost many times the amount these men put into it at the time, it probably would never had been completed had they not tied into the job to help financially and to lend their moral support. Nothing peculiar happened. They spent their money as they intended. Henneghan paid the orders and bills that Hedin sent to him. The cut was dug, the water went thru it and continues to flow.

There is nothing different in the dam job today. All that is necessary is just to get together. The company has figures on the dam cost. Appoint L. C. Henneghan, or some other, to spend the money and get the dam and save the flow that now goes into the Pacific ocean. Morris Greene could build it this fall if we get busy, and that will make 1929 a banner year.

There are colonists who would welcome a chance to invest in our alfalfa lands. That class is composed of practical dairymen. Each would purchase from 10 to 40 acres move on the land and begin intensive cultivation. Each family would average five members, thus adding to our school population and to the buying power of the section. Alfalfa is "green gold" and water in nature's fertilizer and stimulant to make it grow. The dam will save the water and we can finance its construction if we think we can—and why not do it?

Improved Swimming Hole

Tygh Valley swimmers, in order to make the swimming hole at the Tygh bridge more attractive, have erected a fine spring board, making diving much easier and much more graceful.

Word of Cousin's Death

Mrs. C. W. Semmes receiver word of the death of her cousin, Joseph Meyers, which occurred at a sanitarium at Elma, Washington, last Thursday. Decedent had been a sufferer with tuberculosis for some time, having contracted the disease while working in a shingle mill and inhaling cedar dust. He leaves a wife and little son. Interment took place in the family lot in the cemetery at Sellwood.

Jesse Crabtree III

Jesse Crabtree seems to be affected with the prevailing complaint and was compelled to lay off from his work at the Resh & Co. store a couple of days the first of the week.

POPULAR YOUNG MAN INJURED BY KICK OF HORSE

Chester Cramtree Thrown From Wheat Under Horse's Feet—Badly Cut

Chester Crabtree, well known Maupin young man, was badly injured at the Fleming ranch on Bakeoven this morning, and now is confined to his room at the Home hotel. Chester is suffering from a badly cut face, torn ligaments and bruised limbs.

The injured man was gathering wheat sacks from the field and was on his way to the granary. In going over a furrow the front tier of sacks slid off, throwing Chester under the horses' feet, one of which kicked him on the right side of the face, inflicting a wound which required seven stitches to close. He also was kicked in the breast and side and some of the ligaments holding the ribs to the breast bone were torn loose. Wheat sacks also fell on his lower limbs, bruising them considerably.

Chester said he retained sufficient consciousness to creep from his position under the horse's feet. He lay in the field a matter of what seemed to be 15 or 20 minutes, when the combine came around and then the unfortunate man raised his hand and signalled Jess Fleming, who was driving the big machine. Fleming came over and assisted Crabtree to the house and then loaded him into an auto and brought him to Maupin, where Dr. Elwood treated his injuries.

While the accident will lay him up for some time, still Chester thanks his lucky star that it was no worse and that he is still in the land of the living.

DANCE AT SHADY BROOK HALL

Mid-Summer Hop With All The Trimmings Saturday Night

The Shady Brook hall will be the scene of a mid-summer dance and general good time on Saturday night of this week. An orchestra from Salt Lake City will be on hand and deliver the class of dance music goods which will be a delight to all who attend. In connection with the dance one of those excellent lunches for which Shady Brook ladies are famous will be served. Everyone is invited, and more than that, are expected to be present.

Leg Hurt by Rock

Alvin Schantz, engineer at the crusher, was unfortunate on Tuesday in having a large rock roll onto his leg. The limb was badly bruised but the plucky workman kept at work as tho he had two perfectly good underpins.

Too Late to Print

Last week we received a communication telling of the Legion picnic at Richardson's grove at the timber line. The letter was received too late for publication in last week's paper, but we will say that we were informed that the next Legion picnic will be held at Van Durn's grove, Tygh Valley, on August 12. All World War veterans and their families are invited to be on hand on that date.

Misinformation

Last week we were told that Miss Crystal Hartman was suffering with something resembling spinal meningitis. Shortly after the paper was out we received a letter from the little lady in which she stated that she was not very ill, also that her indisposition was not caused by the dreaded meningitis. Miss Hartman left on Sunday for a short visit with Portland friends, after which she will proceed to Silverton and will remain there with relatives for an indefinite period.

Received 25,000 Bushels Wheat

The Hunts Ferry Warehouse company has received for storage 25,000 bushels of wheat up to the time of our going to press and expects much more before the hauling season closes.

Horses On Lawn

Four stray horses proceeded to work havoc with the school yard lawn on Monday. They came from the direction of the Maupin grade and were enjoyink themselves in great shape when rounded up by Marshal Derthick, who drove them from town.

Federal Power Board Gives Private Co. Use of Deschutes Falls

Deschutes Falls Power Company Gets Permission to Use Power at Sherar Falls

According to a dispatch to the Oregonian of yesterday from Washington, D. C., the federal power commission has granted to the Deschutes Falls Power company a preliminary permit for use of the power of the Deschutes river at Sherar falls, the site of the company's works lying in both Wasco and Sherman counties. The permit was made for a period of two years, and was authorized with provision for investigation by the company of power possibilities of that section of the Deschutes river.

The Commission also announced authorization of a preliminary permit to the city of Eugene for a power project on the McKenzie river with ultimate installation capacity of 32,000 horsepower. The authorization was made on condition that the city investigate alternative schemes of development and maintenance of existing conditions of fish migration.

OILING OPERATIONS FINISHED

Crews Reach Bridge Last Evening—Will Patch Maupin Grade

The oiling crews which have been at work on the east end of the highway from Cow canyon to the Maupin bridge, completed their work last evening. Work of patching spots on the Maupin grade and on the stretch across the Flat will be next taken up, after which the crews will proceed to Madras, where the roadway about that city will be give a thorough going over.

INDIAN'S RIBS FRACTURED

Car Goes into Ditch Because of Faulty Steering Gear

Jim Scott, an Indian living at Simnaho, suffered two fractured ribs and other bodily bruises yesterday morning when his Studebaker car, purchased at The Dalles on Monday, lost part of the steering gear and went into the ditch. The car was brought in from the Wm. Sturgis ranch by Verne Fischer, who will fix the wreck up and make the car run again.

Sundayed in Mountains

Maupin was well represented at Bear Springs last Sunday, the families of Chas. Crofoot, F. D. Stuart, G. I. Derthick, Carl Pratt being there as well as Dr. Short and Mrs. Jern Wray and son. The Derthicks made the return trip by way of the Mt. Hood loop, they being accompanied by James Vaughan of Oak Springs.

Will Incorporate

A. Lincoln Hartman is perfecting plans whereby he will incorporate his ironing board industry and proceed to market his product in the larger cities of the east. He has the matter of incorporation in the hands of an expert of New York city and expects some action looking to that end will soon be taken.

Electrical Expert Arrives

R. A. Barton, the electrical expert who installed the machinery at the Maupin Power company's Oak Springs plant last fall arrived in Maupin Friday for Portland and is engaged in making connection with the lower plant and that at Maupin. Mr. Barton will install transformers and superintend the stringing of wires and will also connect up the two plants. It is expected the connection will be made soon and that next week we will be given juice from the new power house.

Crusher Idle

The rock crusher of Hillstrom Bros. broke down last week and is idle at this writing. A shaft was sprung, necessitating sending it to The Dalles to be straightened. After the break was repaired the crusher ran out of rock. Another drill came over from Arlington and again the air was somewhat agitated by blasts of dynamite as a result of the drill's work.

See the new assortment of swim suits and caps at the Maupin Drug Store.