

# GIFFARD TELLS OF AUTO TOUR

## PRaises FOR MCKENZIE ROUTE

Dr. Coe's Bear Story Told Him Here, Impresses—Praises La Pine—Giffard is an Englishman and Has Now Gone to European War.

On his recent tour of the state, Walter Giffard, auto editor of the Oregonian, passed through Bend. The following paragraphs are taken from Mr. Giffard's account of his journey through this section.

Last Friday Mr. Giffard, who is an Englishman, left for the war. On the trip here described, the minute he got to Sisters he telephoned to The Bulletin asking for the latest war news, and while here stated that if it was to be a battle to the death with Germany he certainly would go to the front.

In part, the article follows:

"After staying a day there, (Allen's ranch on the Metolius) we pushed on once more, Bend being the objective. To reach this we had to retrace our route to Sisters, where we had an inkling of the desire for good roads. The proprietor of the Sisters newspaper has been working incessantly to reduce the grade on the Sisters side of the McKenzie pass. Without an excessive amount of work on some six miles of the grade it will be possible to reduce it at least to a maximum of 5 per cent in one place and generally to a maximum of 5 per cent. For this year thought probable that, realizing the large travel which can be diverted this way with the assurance of good grades, the work will be done early in 1915.

"From Sisters the best road to Bend is the longest way round, being some 20 miles as compared with 16 1/2 from where the two branch. Most of it is in excellent condition, there being some effective granite and alkali road construction leaving Laidlaw, with heavy wall work. This road is clearly marked "Auto Road," by large if somewhat primitive signs. "Within six miles of Bend the Deschutes river comes into view for the first time, making a magnificent view stretching away down below the road."

After speaking of the road south from here, Mr. Giffard continues: "To revert for a moment to Bend, we had an interesting idea of the growth of this great country in the

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reminiscences of Dr. U. C. Coe.

"He had asked Dr. Mackenzie into his offices in the First National Bank building there and from his window pointed out the houses that had gone up, the farming that had changed dry sage land into profitable fields.

"Yes," he said, "when I came here, there was an old grizzly that used to make his regular trek across from the Blue mountains to the Cascades. I camped on his trail for a week but did not get him. He eventually was killed by Bill Brock and his skin is now, I believe, in Harry Corbett's ranch near Sisters."

"We had stopped for a short time at Mr. Corbett's ranch and we had all commented upon this fine skin, an enormous one, stretched on the floor. Little did we connect it then with Bend or as illustrating the change from desolation and wildness to cultivation and prosperity.

The ride to La Pine, as one might imagine from the name, is one of

near the town furnished a picturesque sight for the audience as well as putting up some of the best races of the afternoon.

Bend interest naturally centered on the events in which local people figured and considerable pleasure was taken in the victories of W. B. Crawford's horses. As a winner of the future, Razzie Patch, a son of Dan Patch and the pride of Sisters leading fair contributor, Robert Smith, attracted much attention.

Other competitors from Bend were Cora Bates, who was beaten in her race, and Frank Dibble and Walter Coombs, the only competitors in the auto race. V. A. Forbes spent some time thinking about entering but at last came to the conclusion that he would have to go practically all the way on the intermediate, which against his rules—indeed, some doubt if he has any intermediate gear—so he did not enter.

The foregoing is not to say that all the interest of the afternoon was centered on the track, for there was much else to be seen in the poultry tent, in the main exhibit hall and at the livestock pens. It was only in the items of livestock that the fair could be said to fall down, and even here for a first fair in what may yet be called a new country the showing was very good, with seven pens of sheep and a few mortgage lifters and cows.

To the eye of the untrained observer the fancy work was a very interesting portion of the display in the exhibit hall and the cakes and bread and preserves were a great temptation even to one who had already eaten a meal at a Sisters hotel. One instructive bit of comment that was frequently heard from farmers who were taking in the exhibits of grains and grasses and roots was, "Why, I've got better than that at home."

If this feeling is at all general it can be used to great advantage by the management of the fair next year when those who, from indifference or some other reason, failed to exhibit this time ought to come forth with their "better exhibits." It is only fair to say that if they have better products than those shown in most cases they have been "going some," in the farming line this summer.

Bend Butter Show. One exhibit in the hall that attracted attention was butter from the Bend creamery. Many inspected the butter with care and found it good, while the statement that the local creamery had paid 31 cents a pound for butter fat in the month of August made considerable impression. Credit is due to the management of the fair for the manner in which the different events were run off. From beginning to end there was no confusion and there was something doing all the time. The fair set a standard for coming fairs at Sisters and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The Portland Ad Club, during its stay in Bend, visited many points of interest. It became very necessary after the eruption at Lava Butte to look for the leading barber shop. They found it here. Were they right? D—right. An example worthy of imitation. The Metropolitan.—Adv.

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One hardly would fail to be impressed with the liveliness, the business-like air of La Pine. It is as yet a very infant, but every one breathes business and a sense of growth and it has close to it a wonderland that bids fair, when known to outlive that of Klamath county."

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