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GIVES PLAN TO PROTECT TROUT

WRITER WOULD HOLD GREAT ASSET.

Rotation of Lakes Suggested by Stewart Edward White as Means for Preserving Reputation for big Fish—Trip Pleases.

In the combination of its many lakes and the ability of those lakes to raise large trout in a short time, Central Oregon stands in a class by itself. This is the statement of Stewart Edward White, famous writer, who has fished and hunted all over the world, and who Sunday returned to Bend from a trip to Suttle lake, Square lake and Eight Lake basin. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. White went to the ice caves, and tomorrow they will go to Crane prairie, Elk lake and Odell lake, camping for several days before returning to Bend. Their four-day outing, which ended Friday, was taken under the guidance of Forest Supervisor N. G. Jacobson and W. C. Birdsall.

Favors Rotation Plan.

Mr. White believes that Central Oregon should remain in the big trout class, and that this can best be done by the plan of lake rotation. In a given district, he suggested, one out of four lakes should be opened to anglers during the season, another lake taking its place during the following season, and continuing in such a manner as to give each body of water a three-year rest for each year in which it may be fished. This would protect fry planted from the hatcheries, and would allow for the standardizing of size in a given lake. Mr. White took up the matter with Master Fish Warden Clanton, who arrived last night on a brief visit in this section, and the state official expressed himself as being highly in favor of the plan.

Fine Impression Gained.

Both Mr. and Mrs. White are most favorably impressed with what they have seen of Central Oregon. "I am so well pleased that unless something entirely unforeseen happens I shall spend from a month to two months in your mountains next summer," Mr. White declared this morning. He intends to pick a route where travel by auto will be impossible, and to have a string of pack horses for transportation of supplies.

FIRE DAMAGE IS LESSENER

THOROUGH PREPARATION BY FOREST SERVICE CUTS TIMBER LOSS TO MINIMUM—COUNTY ORGANIZATION GOOD.

Thorough systematization on the Deschutes National forest has resulted in a minimum of damage from fires, although the season is far advanced, figures furnished at headquarters here, show today.

In preparation for the fire season \$6000 was expended and as a result of this it has been possible to get practically all conflagrations under control before any considerable amount of timber had been destroyed. Only \$900 has been spent in actual fire fighting. By the county fire aggregation \$2500 has been expended to date.

Shortage of men in the Fort Rock district necessitated especial preparation, and the efficiency of the force at the disposal of Ranger Harriman, has been greatly increased by the installation of a heliograph at Fox Butte. The lookout at this station is Oscar Harding, while his father, Charles Harding, keeps up the camp at the foot of the butte, and maintains a water supply station for fire-fighters and for travellers who have run short.

THE ANNUAL ECLIPSE



GROWTH SHOWN BY BEND POST

MANY JOIN AMERICAN LEGION AT MONTHLY MEET—DANCE PLANS DISCUSSED—CHAPLAIN TO LEAVE BEND.

Increasing interest in the American Legion was shown on Monday when at the meeting of Percy A. Stevens post 13 service men were taken into the organization as new members. Discussion of plans for a dance to be given toward the middle of the month was held and the exact date will be announced later.

Because he will leave the city in the near future, Rev. George H. Parkinson tendered his resignation as chaplain, but his successor was not selected.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held on the evening of Friday, August 29, as the regular meeting night, September 1, falls on Labor day.

Hereafter, whenever a meeting of the post is called, cards announcing the fact will be placed about the city on the day the session is to be held and will be taken down the following morning.

WOULD PLUMB LAKE'S DEPTHS

SOUNDINGS AT EAST LAKE TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH MILLICAN VALLEY IRRIGATION PLANS.

Within the next few days work will be started at East lake, under the direction of Fred Shintaffer, with the object of ascertaining, if possible, the depth of the lake. Sufficient wire will be sent out to reach a distance of 3000 feet, according to P. B. Johnson, who is interested in the soundings because of the bearings which they may have on the Millican valley project.

Soundings is to be done on the advice of Professor W. O. Crosby, head of the party of geologists now investigating the Bogham Falls reservoir site, and who advised Mr. Johnson that the depth of the lake would be an important point in determining its value as a source of supply for irrigation.

Land holders in the Millican valley are not organized but have water rights on East lake. These rights will lapse shortly and the findings of the geologists, representing the U. S. reclamation service, based partly on the report made by Mr. Shintaffer, will largely determine whether or not the fillings will be renewed.

Previous efforts have been made to reach the bottom of East lake but no slackening of the line ever rewarded the efforts of the investigators.

WORLD'S GOVERNMENTS SEEK SOLUTION OF FOOD PROBLEM

A world-wide resume of the food situation, collected by cable by the United Press, shows the following: Great Britain.—The government is spending \$250,000,000 a year to keep the price of bread down and to fix the prices of meat and sugar. France.—The food problem is one rather of quantity than of price. The government is employing every means to import sufficient supplies. Maximum prices are fixed by the government.

Canada.—A commission has been created to handle grain crops.

Austria.—The government is having difficulty in keeping prices high enough to reward production, due to the vast surplus of food.

Italy.—The bread supply alone costs the government \$400,000,000 a year.

Japan.—Press and public are urging the government to place maximum prices on food and other necessities.

TITLE TO LAKE LAND DISPUTED

SQUATTERS WAIT FOR GOVERNMENT SURVEY, BUT CONTENTION IS MADE THAT RANCHERS HAVE RIPARIAN RIGHTS.

While the dry bed of Silver lake is dotted with the cabins of squatters who are tilling the land exposed by the evaporation of the water, the status of the land is a matter of dispute between ranchers and the newcomers who have made their homes on the new ground, according to Silver Lake residents. No survey has been made by the government, and in consequence no filing under the homestead law is possible, and until such filing can be made, it is contended by some that ranchers whose holdings extended to what was formerly the lake margin have riparian rights on the area formerly covered by water. Squatters, it is said, have been advised to leave, but are persistently remaining in hopes that the rich alluvial lands may be thrown open to entry.

Approximately 11,000 acres have been added to the farming resources of the Silver Lake region by the drying up of the lake, and a portion of this is being cultivated with the permission of ranchers whose holdings join the new ground. Grain hay is being successfully grown, and will yield as high as two and a half tons to the acre.

This hay, it is stated, will be for sale, but on the old established ranches the 1919 cutting will be chiefly reserved for feeding during the winter, as stockmen are unwilling that a shortage of fodder should force them to sell off as large a percentage of cattle as was found necessary last year.

BEND WATER SAFE SAYS STATE BOARD

A report from David Roberg of the state board of health, was received yesterday by Dr. R. W. Hendershott, stating that an examination was made of the Bend city water and that it was found that no colon bacilli were to be found. This makes the water safe for domestic purposes, as far as possibility of typhoid infection is concerned.

GOVERNOR ASKS CARE IN WOODS

PROCLAMATION URGES GREATEST CAUTION IN ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS BY FIRE WARDENS IN STATE.

Fire wardens throughout the state are urged to use the greatest caution in issuing permits to burn slashings, in a proclamation sent out by Governor Ben Olcott. In giving instructions on this point he states that the dry conditions which threaten destruction of forests, grass and grain fields, constitute the underlying cause for such a warning being given.

The governor proclaims that no camp fire shall be started in or near forest or brush covered lands within 20 feet of any standing or fallen trees, brush piles or other litter that may cause the spread of fire, that under no condition is a fire to be built until the ground is cleared to mineral soil for a distance of six feet in every direction and that no such fire shall be left, even temporarily, until it has been completely extinguished with water.

"Inasmuch as the forests are one of the state's chief material resources," Governor Olcott declares, "I personally urge every person going into the woods during the current dry season to refrain from smoking, as any fire allowed to get beyond control is not only extremely dangerous to all classes of property, but necessitates the use of labor and supplies that are essential in other lines of endeavor."

JOY RIDERS TAKE PARKED MACHINE

Car Belonging to T. J. McClellan Recovered This Morning by Sheriff Roberts.

Joy riders Sunday stole a Chevrolet automobile belonging to T. J. McClellan which was parked in front of the Liberty theater, and after a search of several hours the machine was found Monday by Sheriff S. E. Roberts at the lower end of Park addition. The car was not damaged, and the supply of gasoline had not been exhausted. The individuals taking the auto have not been apprehended.

BIG HAY CROP BEING CURED

50,000 TONS EXPECTED FROM CHEWAUCAN LAND CO. RANCH—ARTESIAN POSSIBILITIES FOR IRRIGATION PERCEIVED.

On one ranch in the Paisley section approximately 50,000 tons of wild hay will be cured when the season's work is completed. The ranch is that of the Chewaucan Land Company, and F. A. Fitzpatrick, manager of the company's holdings expects an average of two tons from the 28,000 acres of bottom land covered with wild grass. None of the cut will be for sale as the company's cattle are fed for 7 months out of the year, Mr. Fitzpatrick states, and in consequence, much of the cutting will not be stacked.

Crops in the Paisley country will be good this year, although the season is unusually dry, it is reported. The possibility of development of considerable irrigated land through the sinking of artesian wells, is receiving much attention and F. H. Williams is commencing drilling on his 1600 acre ranch at the north end of Summer lake. Enough wells will be drilled, it is planned to irrigate his entire tract.

THINKS BEESLEY IS IN PORTLAND

UNCLE GIVES UP SEARCH NEAR BEND, BUT SHERIFF ROBERTS LEARNS EX-SOLDIER IS STILL HEADED WEST.

Believing that his nephew, Walter Beesley of Bend, who disappeared from his home last week, has made a detour since striking into the timber and has taken a train for Portland, W. L. Moody, of The Dalles, who has been heading the search party, left Wednesday for Portland, where he hopes to find the missing man.

Mr. Moody's belief, however, is entirely at variance with that entertained by Sheriff S. E. Roberts, who learned this morning that Beesley had spent Saturday night more than 30 miles from Bend with a family on Crater creek. The young man seemed "queer," it was reported, and after breakfast Sunday started off again on foot, going west. Sheriff Roberts has communicated with Eugene and with the officials of the Cascade national forest, asking them to keep a watch for Beesley.

Beesley, it is thought by his friends here, may be temporarily unbalanced, due to injuries received while in service in France.

OFFICER ANXIOUS TO REGAIN PISTOL

Ordnance Captain in Recruiting Service Offers Reward for Apprehension of Thief.

Anxious to recover an army automatic pistol, stolen while a recruiting party was in Bend over two weeks ago, Captain Earl Harkins, of the ordnance department, now in recruiting service, has written The Bulletin in an endeavor to trace the missing weapon. In his letter Captain Harkins offers a \$100 reward to the police for the apprehension of the thief, unless the pistol is voluntarily returned, in which case he is willing to forego prosecution.

The army automatic formed a part of a display at recruiting headquarters on Oregon street, and was taken from the show window. The gun was the personal property of Captain Harkins, and had been carried by him throughout the greater part of the war.

ROAD BID FOR DESCHUTES IS NOT ACCEPTED

LACK OF COMPETITION BELIEVED CAUSE.

OFFER DECLARED LOW

County Had Considered Placing Bid to Force Awarding of Contract, Judge Barnes Tells Commercial Club at Meeting.

Although the one bid made for the grading of 23.9 miles of The Dalles-California highway, scheduled for early improvement in Deschutes county, was considered by other contractors to be rather low, it was rejected yesterday by the state highway commission, meeting in Portland, a late wire stated. The bidders were Johnson Bros., and their offer for the entire job was \$198,752, according to figures given by County Judge W. D. Barnes, who attended the session of the commission in Portland at the time the bids were opened. Lack of competition is believed to have been the cause for rejection by the commission. Readvancing for bids was ordered.

The bid which was ultimately turned down was close to the figure which the county had considered naming when the entering of an estimate by the county court had been suggested as a means of forcing the awarding of the contract. Judge Barnes stated Wednesday at the weekly meeting of the Bend Commercial club.

Hay Yields Good.

No business was transacted at the club meeting, but a report was given by County Agriculturist Koons on the results obtained from the use of sulphur on alfalfa land. The increase in yield as shown this season amounts to from one-third to one-half, he declared. Fall applications of sulphur will bring the best results, he has noted. On irrigation tests, the use of 1.5 foot of water has been found to give the best crops from the soil of Central Oregon.

The matter of road improvement to communicate with the cave beyond Lava butte was brought up by A. Whinnant. He quoted Stewart Edward White, who visited the cave Sunday, as saying that it was probably the bed of an underground river of the past. W. C. Birdsall stated that a geological report is to be made on the cave, which he believes dips under the Deschutes. Dr. J. C. Vandeventer asserted that the cave was first discovered 32 years ago.

MAKE LOG FOR STATE B. P. O. E.

OREGONIAN AUTOMOBILE EDITOR COMPILING DATA FOR ELKS WHO WILL GO FROM PORTLAND TO KLAMATH.

Making a complete log of the highway from Portland to Klamath Falls, to be used by the B. P. O. E. who will journey via Central Oregon to the state convention of the Elks this month at Klamath Falls, Lair H. Gregory, automobile editor of the Morning Oregonian, accompanied by Lawrence T. Therkelson and Charles Frazier of Portland, passed through Bend on Saturday en route to the convention city.

Mr. Gregory is making a detailed log of the road between Portland and Klamath Falls via the Columbia highway and The Dalles-California highway, which, with illustrations, will be used in a special feature in the Oregonian a week from Sunday. Mr. Gregory commented on the extraordinary beauties offered in Central Oregon to the tourist. These, he said, were different from any he has seen in his recent travels through Oregon.