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Mining and Fishing Men In Agreement

A satisfactory agreement between the mining and fishing interests on the lower Rogue river was reached at a conference held at Gold Beach yesterday. Governor Charles H. Martin announced upon his return here today.

Others who attended the conference included members of the state fish and game commissions and the state mining board.

"Our agreement will insure increased fishing possibilities and more mining," Governor Martin said. Details of the conference and the basis of settlement were not divulged by the governor. Governor Martin said a statement would be forthcoming when the negotiations were completed.

Thirty-two persons attended the conference, including the officials the governor said.

Governor Martin and other members of the party conducted an investigation of the river up as far as Agness.

At the last legislative session a bill was introduced which would have curbed mining operations on the lower Rogue. Sportsmen alleged the refuse from the mines had killed the fish in the stream, but this was denied by the mining operators.—Oregonian.

Forest Rangers Going to School

Three forest rangers from the Siskiyou National forest are leaving soon for the Ranger Training camp at Carson, Washington, where they will join 27 other rangers for a month of intensive training in major forest service activities. The training camp is held yearly to give rangers and assistant rangers training in the proper handling of the numerous services the forest rangers are now called on to perform. Some of the subjects that will be covered are: timber management, range management, fire control, public relations, personnel management, personnel training, recreation and land management, finance and accounting, and engineering.

The rangers being sent by the Siskiyou Forest service are Ranger Merle Lowden of Gasquet Ranger station; Ranger Ed Marshall of the Gold Beach Ranger station and Ranger M. M. Nelson, of the Redwood Ranger station. Mr. Paul Fattig will be in charge of the local ranger district during Ranger Nelson's absence.

ASSOCIATION WILL RELEASE INTERESTING LOCAL DATA SOON

To further publicize the attractions of this and other Redwood Empire counties throughout the United States as well as abroad, the Redwood Empire association soon will dispatch a special cameraman to obtain a brand new set of master negatives.

Smart, snappy shots, to the latest style and standard of photographic technique will be taken for subsequent reproduction in newspapers, magazines, folders and miscellaneous publications throughout the world. The pictures obtained also will be used in exhibits and displays and for stereoscopic slide purposes.

Photographs to be taken will include recreational and sports subjects, as well as scenic, industrial and agricultural views.

According to the publicity department of the Redwood Empire association, requests for photographs, cuts, descriptive text and pictorial layouts are constantly increasing. These orders and requests are being received from editors, publishers, feature writers, book authors and others engaged in publication work.

CHAMBER MEETING IS NOT SO HOT

Last Tuesday the regular meeting of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce held its regular weekly luncheon, but the business men and farmers forgot to attend only nine of the faithful were out and there were not enough for a quorum, so they enjoyed a fine chicken dinner. Mrs. Hussey prepared and had a few reports of committees and then adjourned.

The committee on school bus transportation reported some progress with further meetings to be held.

A committee joined together and organized the first Tax Reduction club in the United States, and a temporary set of officers appointed. There will be a permanent meeting called very soon at which time the club will be properly formed and start to do things for this wonderful plan given to us by O. V. Breese.

Mr. Breese will be a guest speaker at the Grange meeting Thursday, October 21st, at which time he will tell the Grangers all about this new tax reduction idea that is taking the southern part of the state by storm. All members of the Grange interested in tax reduction will hear a great plan that is workable, if they will attend this meeting.

Kerby Union High School Teachers Hold Very Enjoyable Meeting

The teachers of the Kerby Union High school were hosts at a "get-together" meeting at the Kerby high school on Tuesday evening, October 12th with the teachers of the Southern Josephine county as guests.

F. W. Jones, high school principal of Kerby, was in charge of the program.

The evening was begun by a "sing" in charge of Mrs. Blanche Whiteman of Kerby with Miss Mary Bonham at the piano. F. W. Jones then gave a talk on the meaning and importance of the Oregon State Teachers' association, giving all an opportunity to become members of the organization. Singing and games occupied another hour after which Mrs. Thelma Wilson of the Kerby high school, Home Economics department invited all to the Home Economics room where an enjoyable lunch was prepared.

The room was attractive with an autumn motif of leaves, fruits, flowers and blackboard decorations. Autumn leaf place cards were placed for Alva Laws, Freda Baumgartner and Mary Bonham of Kerby grade school; Mrs. Mary Walton and Ruby Higginbotham of Selma; Mrs. Lola Peterson of Spence; Mrs. Lorna Byrne, O'Brien, and the hosts, F. W. Jones, Dan Jones, Miss June Dalhgren and Mrs. Thelma Wilson of Kerby Union high school and Mrs. Blanche Whiteman, Mrs. F. W. Jones and H. Wilson as special guests.

It was decided to make the "get-together" a regular monthly affair and the next meeting will be held early in November with another group of teachers as hostesses to be held at the Kerby high school.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE GIVEN MR. LEWIS

Friends and relatives surprised James Lewis of Holland, last Monday evening and to celebrate his birthday.

The evening was spent playing cards and later a delicious fried chicken supper was served to the following guests: Messrs and Mesdames Will Trefethen; Martin Maurer, Spencer Mayes and son; Joe Hudson; D. R. McCurdy and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Hoover; Mrs. Blanche Cousineau; Lee Lewis, Bruce Snelson; Bud Cross; Annie Dixon; Bill Tyler; Mrs. Q. A. Woodcock; Misses Martelle Maurer and Bertha Caid and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis.

Reduction Tax Club No. 1 Formed

Tax Reduction Club No. 1, Cave Junction, Oregon, is the official title of the newly organized movement for bringing the Breese Tax Reduction Plan to the attention of the nation. A committee on organization was authorized at a mass meeting held in the Cave Junction theater Monday night.

The following are the officers: M. C. Athey, president. O. E. Jones, Vice President. Robert Rout, secretary and treasurer.

The officers are to select the members of two committees, one on membership and another on ways and means for furthering the plan for tax reduction.

Dr. William A. Brown had been selected to preside at the Monday night meeting, and upon taking the chair he expressed the appreciation we feel toward Mr. Jones for his generous use of his theater for public gatherings.

The meeting was called Monday night to complete the plans for organizing Tax Reduction Club No. 1 and also to hear Mr. O. V. Breese report upon the progress of the movement thus far. There is such increasing demand for information regarding the movement that rallies are being scheduled in many places. A speaking campaign must be started immediately. The plan as proposed by Mr. Breese is so simple and so workable that men in every walk in life are favorable to it. Opposition had been expected from the holders of municipal bonds. The contrary is quite true, patriotic bond holders favor the plan.

As Mr. Breese explained Monday night there is a clear saving of from 20 to 35 per cent of taxes without curtailing a single city activity or dismissing any employees. The plan calls for the national enactment of a measure similar to that which created the Federal Reserve Banking system, and the subsequent erection of a paralleling Federal bonding system.

Mr. Breese is a public spirited citizen who in addition to the demands of his business life has devoted himself with painstaking effort to the solution of the vexing problems which confront the nation. He comes to this opportunity out of a life time of singular successful service in the commercial banking world.

Cave Junction is under a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Breese because he selected our Chamber of Commerce as the body before which he first presented his unique plan. That his confidence in us was not misplaced will be seen in the unanimity with which his plan was accepted and the eagerness with which we proceeded to organize a movement for supporting it.

A bill embodying Mr. Breese's idea of tax reduction will be presented at the coming session of the national congress and various state legislatures will be asked to pass favoring resolutions. Already such a resolution has been prepared for Oregon.

Mr. Breese addresses the Grange at their next meeting.

LITTLE MISS CELEBRATES HER HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Little Jean Iris Coffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coffey, celebrated her seventh birthday last Thursday, October 7, and is now the proud owner of a new Ward's Hawthorne bicycle, which she is riding two miles to her school.

Mrs. Tresham of the Bridgeview store made her a lovely birthday cake, with candles and all the fixings, and little Miss Jean was a very happy little girl on this her special occasion.

New Troop of CCC Boys In Caves Camp

Last Wednesday a new troop of CCC boys arrived at the Oregon Caves camp on Grayback creek and are now settled in for the winter.

The boys had a long trip to get here, coming from the states of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. They came directly from Roxbury, Virginia, and it took them five days to make the trip.

First Lieutenant Robert D. Saxton and First Lieutenant Joseph W. Scobey are in command. This troop is composed of southern boys and they are a fine set of boys and the whole valley will be glad to welcome them.

Lieut. Saxton admits that he has a grand bunch of boys that he is proud of, and from the looks of these young gentlemen the whole valley is going to take to them like ducks do to water.

Unloading all their equipment at Grants Pass, Wednesday, was a busy day and the boys did not have much time to look around, but from some of the talk heard on the side lines, they are going to like their new camp. There are now 106 boys with two lieutenants, but more are expected to arrive soon. There will also be a doctor at the camp soon.

"Slim" Greases the Pole And Then Climbs It

Illinois Valley News: Gentlemen:

I notice that the fact that way up here on Josephine creek sometimes use black sand for pepper and platinum for salt when we are a little short on seasonings, is out at last.

It has been a sort of secret with us for some little time, but now that it is out I think that you might as well know a few more of the things that we take advantage of in order to get our work done and maby make a dime. Maby it will help you along.

Now it is a little hard to pack in all the conveniences of life up there. So we do as best we can to make out. I have no alarm clock, as a matter of fact it is unnecessary to have one. I have a pet rattlesnake that wakes me up every morning by crawling on the dish pan and rattles which beats a clock all hollow, it's a fact. At night I put the gold pan outside the door and Susy the pack rat carries kindling wood and fills it full to the top, then all I have to do in the morning is dump the panfull in the stove and we are off to a flying start for breakfast.

When it comes to getting up this new fangled Hemiteite they yell so about, I have a Gray squirrel that is the trick. I set a panfull of the stuff down in front of him and he sets up and weighs out the good from the bad, tossing the poor stuff away.

Then for carrying boulders I have a Brown bear that bets anything I've ever seen. He carries out the boulders as fast as I can dig them loose from the bank. Good worker that fellow.

Now I found that by sprinkling a little flour gold into the sour dough the night before, you will have a nice handful of nuggets the next morning, to go to town with. It is best to keep the dough warm over night if you want to get a nice smooth well-finished nugget.

If you plan a prospecting trip, I suggest that you try out some of these methods. Perhaps they will help you as they have others before you. Always pass on a good thing.

Yours Truly: "SLIM."

Ed Brigham, brother-in-law of Harry Welch on the Caves highway, is visiting in the valley for a few days.

Legion Firemen's Ball Saturday Nite

One of the season's most prominent social events will be the Legion Firemen's ball in the American Legion hall, Cave City, Saturday, October 16th.

Great preparations have been made for a great dance, and expectations are for a great crowd. The American Legion dances are the best in the county, and large crowds attend from all parts of the county, but the Firemen's ball is going to be a feature that will attract many who do not attend regularly.

Whether you dance or whether you don't, buy a ticket to this dance and give the Legion a big boost, for they are doing a wonderful work and this particular dance is for a wonderful cause. This is a duty and a privilege you owe the Legion and the community.

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Meet

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Warren, accompanied by Mrs. Martin attended The Sons and Daughters of Southern Oregon Pioneers meeting held at Ashland. This organization meets once a year to celebrate in memory of those early pioneers that came to Oregon before 1859. There are very few of those sturdy pioneers left so the sons, daughters, grandsons and grand daughters meet and carry on.

They had election of officers, a good program, a wonderful banquet and all enjoyed a jolly good time. Professor Vineing of Ashland Normal is the retiring president. Eeven Peams of Medford, was elected president for the ensuing year; Alice Hanley of Jacksonville, vice-president and Miss Hanley, also of Jacksonville, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Their next place of meeting will be Jacksonville, Oregon.

All pioneers and sons and daughters of Oregon pioneers are welcome.

No Cow—No Bull But Plenty Concentrates

Don Morrison, who has been checking up on concentrates from the various mines of the district the past two weeks, stumbled onto what may prove to be a boon or a calamity to stockmen. He butchered a beef a few days ago and noticing a piece of bailing wire protruding from the small stomach, decided to make further investigations. This small stomach has a capacity of about two quarts and when he opened it up he observed gravel and sand. Dumping the contents into a gold pan the residue contained about one pint of concentrates, comprising black sand, gray sand and pebbles. He says according to the results that some of the prospectors are getting on their concentrates, this cow was worth about \$200 for concentrates. He was somewhat non-committal on the subject, but seemed of the opinion that it was the source of some of the prospectors high grade concentrates.

ATTENTION!

The Sons and Daughters of the Illinois valley will meet with Mrs. Addie Skeeters Martin "Bridgeview," next Saturday evening, October 16th. All those that are interested and wish to become charter members please attend this meeting. Dues are only fifty cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Ward, of Ocean Lake, Oregon, were guests of Mrs. Addie Skeeters Martin of Bridgeview, for the past week. Mrs. Warren before her marriage, was Miss Helen Myers of Portland, and is a cousin of Mrs. Martin. This was Mr. and Mrs. Warren's first visit to the Illinois valley and they were delighted with the cool, sunny weather. They made a trip through the Oregon Caves, which they thought very wonderful.

Railroad Meet Still In Session

Oregon and California groups appeared before Examiner R. R. Molster of the Interstate Commerce Commission today in competition for permission to construct a railroad from Josephine county in Oregon to the Pacific ocean.

Grants Pass, the Crescent City, Calif., harbor district and the California & Oregon Coast railroad united forces in seeking a rail route from Grants Pass to Crescent City. The opposition came from the Gold Coast railroad, a corporation already possessing I. C. C. approval for a road from Leland, north of Grants Pass to Port Orford in Curry county.

"We are ready to proceed with the building of the Gold Coast Road," said Gilbert E. Gable of Port Orford.

He assured the examiner his company had "no particular problems" in financing the road. The delay, he said, was the result of uncertainty of federal aid in developing the Port Orford harbor as an outlet.

He asserted that New York capital was available with a bond issue taking care of 60 per cent of the cost and the remainder coming from private sources.

In offering what he called a solution for a right-of-way dispute, Gable suggested building the route down the Rogue river gorge with a spur going south to Crescent City at Gold Beach and one going north to Port Orford.

Neil R. Allen, Fred R. Brown and W. T. Miller are appearing for Grants Pass, Brown, Allen and J. L. Shields represented Crescent City, and H. F. Norton of Oakland, Calif., is counsel for the California & Oregon coast road.

Testimony will continue through Thursday.

Coming Attractions At Cave City Theater

Marxmania at its gayest is seen in "A Day at the Races," which shows Friday night at the Cave City theater as the newest laugh extravaganza of that trio of uninhibited and inimitable laugh-makers, the Three Marx Brothers.

While the picture is titled "A Day at the Races" it might just as aptly have been called "A Day in a Sanitarium," for the plot switches between the two locales at breakneck pace, and it would be difficult to say which is funnier—the antics of the Marxes in the sanitarium or their uproarious conduct at the race track.

Saturday and Sunday, Stuart Erwin with Betty Furness in "All American Chump."

The story gives Erwin an opportunity to revert to the yokel-boy-makes-good type of role that first boosted him to popularity. He has played newspapermen in his recent pictures, but he prefers being a boob. Claims it's easier on the arteries.

GRANGE HOLDS VERY INTERESTING MEETING

Last Thursday the grange held one of their interesting meetings and several visitors present came from the Deer Creek valley district.

Several prominent speakers were on the program to discuss agricultural topics.

At midnight a pot luck supper was served, and everyone attending enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Sheriff Ernest Lister has just returned to his desk after being on the sick list for several months. "Ernie" is looking fine and says he feels great. His many friends in the valley are congratulating him on his recovery and are indeed glad to see him back on the job.