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The Forest Service is erecting six new standard fire lookout stations in Oregon and Washington this year. Ready cut material for these buildings is now on its way to the summits of Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. McLoughlin, Wagner Butte, Rustler Peak and Kiona Peak.

## The Oregon State Editorial Meeting.

Each group of artisans, mechanics, business or professional men meet, as a rule, not less often than once a year to discuss the many problems that confront them individually and collectively at some time in their season of work. By this means those who have passed through experiences that others are entering are able to make the work and business of their fellow associate more agreeable and remunerative.

For the same reasons that other professional men meet to discuss their business interests do the editors and newspapermen of Oregon meet to ascertain how their fellow craftsmen have been able to handle certain conditions that may happen to occur to some certain one for the first time while yet an old story to others who are seeking remedies for new afflictions.

This year the Editorial Association met at Pendleton, the metropolis of Eastern Oregon, using the local library building for a convention hall and the Hotel Pendleton as headquarters. The sessions were devoted strictly to business affairs, such as the pres-

ent and prospective prices of paper and printing material; the many new Federal laws and regulations imposed upon the conduct of newspapers by war conditions; business methods; simplified cost systems, designed to inform publishers the exact cost of printing newspapers, turning out job work and the general business conditions of their plants; discussions as to the best methods of co-operation between the local and foreign advertiser and the publisher, etc. All such matters are of vital interest to any publisher who desires to advance in his profession, and in the matter of pooling orders for supplies a saving can be made in the prices paid that will effect a refund of the expenses of the trip.

The educational advantages to newspapermen of meeting in different sections of the state at these annual meetings cannot be computed in dollars and cents. They give an opportunity of securing first hand knowledge of the sections visited, the aspirations of the people, and the capacity, as well as limitations, for growth and expansion that can be had in no other way.

The public library in Pendleton in which the sessions of the association was held is a building peculiarly built for the purpose; it is fan-shaped and on the warmest day is most cool and inviting, having a reading porch overlooking the Umatilla river, where it is a pleasure to read while using the books of reference or fiction. Below the main floor is a good sizeable auditorium fitted with stage, and off from the stage are rooms for those who may be entertaining the public. Also off to one side of the auditorium is a large room, used during the meeting of the association for serving lunches, and between the two is another hall equipped with kitchen facilities.

Pendleton is located in the midst of probably the best farming section of the United States. The members of the association were taken by auto the afternoon of the first day through the immense wheat fields of Umatilla county, and it was a pleasure to see the even stand of wheat nearly ready for harvest. Personally, Mrs. Ireland and the editor of the Observer had the pleasure of being with Dr. Best, mayor of Pendleton, during this part of the trip, going out toward LaGrande to the top of Cabbage Hill where we could see the wheat fields reaching for miles in every direction. We were told that the fields would harvest approximately 50 bushels to the acre and there is no doubt but that it will as the wheat heads stood as close together as pins packed by machinery in the familiar package we buy at stores. The condition of the wheat fields seen on that trip precludes any chance that subsequent weather conditions would affect their yield, one reason being their proximity to the foothills of the Blue Mountains. In answer to a question Dr. Best stated that land selling about 15 years ago for \$20 an acre cannot now be bought for less than \$160.

On our return into Pendleton we passed the Presbyterian Indian Mission lands, on to Cayuse station where we witnessed the four Indian tribes participate in their old-time tribal dances, dressed in costumes that have been handed down from father to son through many generations, each part of the costume having a reference to past history of the tribe and individual wearing the costume.

The return from Cayuse was made by way of a different route, through a valley stretching for miles straight ahead of the car, the road was in a condition to test the speed of the machine and in answer to a question to Mrs. Ireland if she objected to speed and the answer that she did not when the road was safe, we came into Pendleton and on to the Eastern Oregon Hospital at a varying speed maintained around 50 miles an hour; this part of the trip was enjoyed as much as the first, knowing we had a careful driver and a good car.

The Eastern Oregon Hospital is a distinct credit to the state; the building is modern in all appointments and built with first thought for the comfort of those who must use it. An enviable reputation for efficiency in the conduct of the institution is being maintained by Dr. McNary, superintendent of the hospital, and we believe that

the doctor is peculiarly fitted for the position which he occupies; this was confirmed later the same evening when he stated that nearly 50% of those committed to the institution were eventually discharged as cured and that the hospital was conducted as such; meaning that no one was considered incurable until fully proven to be the case and that if one method of treatment was not successful another was tried, keeping in mind individual in place of collective treatment that formerly prevailed in all institutions for persons afflicted with mental disorders.

Saturday evening the members of the association were escorted to a special train of Pullman cars provided by the Commercial Club of Pendleton, and after an all-night ride over the Blue Mountains and through the Grande Ronde valley arrived early the next morning at Joseph, the terminus of the branch railroad into Wallowa county from LaGrande. Here the party were met with automobiles and escorted to the head of beautiful Wallowa Lake for an old-fashioned outdoor breakfast, after which time was our own for exploring the gorge of Wallowa river, visiting the falls and resting until a call to dinner brought us together for a feast of lake and mountain trout cooked for the visitors by members of the Joseph Commercial Club; whose guests we were for the day.

After dinner the return by auto was made to the train and soon we were returning to LaGrande where a cafeteria lunch was served by the ladies of LaGrande and the LaGrande Commercial Club in their beautiful open-air pavillion in Riverside Park, located about a mile from the city on the bank of the Grande Ronde river.

With the termination of the dinner hour at LaGrande the completion of the business and entertainment features of the annual meeting of the Editorial Association for this year arrived, but the glimpse of the vastness of the section of Oregon visited, the open-handed hospitality and the many business and social acquaintances formed will linger in memory for many years.

The predominate feature that made the visit of the State Editorial Association to Pendleton in Umatilla county, LaGrande in Union county, and Joseph in Wallowa county, so successfully a pleasure to all so fortunate as to be numbered among those attending the annual meeting this year was the true spirit of co-operation and neighborly helpfulness shown by all the communities visited. Mountains and river gorge separate each from the other, but to all intents and purposes they are as one community, and proud to be a part of the state of Oregon. Pendleton is the home of the Round Up, the one municipal asset which she does not feel disposed to divide with any other community, and in that she is right; not from a feeling that other communities are imitating the Round Up show, but with a feeling that no other community can in any sense duplicate what is annually done at the Pendleton Round Up. The Pendleton people are right in that contention; every time an imitation Round Up is presented to the public, a failure is recorded because the one great difference between the two is that no commercialized feature of any sort is permitted in connection with the Pendleton show. No one makes any money out of it; every cent taken in at the gate is paid back to the community and such a show, where those directing it receive no salaries and pay as they enter, the same as the stranger, can not be duplicated elsewhere, because the spirit governing the original is absent from the imitation.

Wallowa Lake is one of the magnificent beauty spots of the great Oregon country. It is a crescent shaped body of emerald hued water, about six miles in length and probably three wide. From the waters' edge on either side it is guarded by great mountain hills, which in turn, are supported by large mountain peaks, on some the snow yet clinging. Along one side of the lake winds the automobile road to the Joseph Commercial Club grounds at its head, while in the distance as we approached the end of the drive appeared mountains as large as imagination could picture, giving

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