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## MEET LAUNCHES JOINT MEDFORD G. P. R. R. DESIGN

From Grants Pass Courier of Aug. 7  
Nucleus for an organization to work for railroad and harbor construction at Crescent City was formed here last night at a meeting which was first planned as a reception for W. H. Gore, of Medford, but which developed into a booster session of representatives of southern Oregon and northern California communities.

As speaker of the evening, Mr. Gore sounded the fundamental note of the next great development in this section—railroad communication with the coast and development of harbor facilities at Crescent City for water transportation. Through a concentrated effort on the part of Jackson, Josephine and Del Norte counties and possibly Klamath and Douglas, it was brought out that pressure could be exerted by which the development could be brought about. Further steps will be taken, it was indicated, at some future time for further organization work.

Years ago, Mr. Gore stated, he had worked out the details for the construction of a railroad to tidewater. The situation had developed to the point where three quarters of a million dollars had been deposited with a New York trust company for the building of the road. This was to have been done by northern line interests. The death of the head of the organization suddenly stopped the completion of the contemplated project. Mr. Gore expressed the idea that this work could be put across by united efforts of the territory interested. He pledged himself to the heartiest cooperation with the project and such other aid as he could help organize.

Speakers from Crescent City brought out the need of cooperation from the interior for the harbor project. A. D. Lee, president of the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce, and Judge John L. Childs, especially emphasized this viewpoint. They asked for the organization in the affected territory. Other members of the Crescent City delegation were M. Williamson, George H. Grant, Glenn Ireland, West Duley, J. J. McNamara, O. B. Lauff, John L. Childs, E. R. Griffin, N. V. McVay, Edgar Keller, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McVay, Edgar Keller, Mr. and Mrs. M. McVay, and J. L. Musick.

Taking up the discussion of the Oregon and California tax refund bill, of which he was the originator, Mr. Gore stressed the necessity of quick action on the part of the county officials in getting their returns made for an audit. He told of the promise of the treasury department to refund the money to each county as soon as the returns are audited, regardless of the time taken by other counties. The treasury department also agreed that each year's taxes will be a separate item for audit. If any one or more years are not completed in the first audit, the money will be paid on those completed and the others will await completion for payment.

Mr. Gore was the originator of the idea that the money lost through investment in the federal government of these Oregon and California lands could be secured. The original bill to effect this failed because of lack of interest in the grant land counties. During the last session of congress, Mr. Gore organized the 18 counties and interested the Oregon delegation. Remaining at Washington for several months, he developed the organization and furnished the force necessary to back the efforts of the Oregon senators and representatives, in the way of local influence. With the active support of Senator Stanfield, the bill went through the house with only 35 dissenting votes and in the senate was passed by a unanimous vote.

Presented to the president for signature, the bill hung in the balance. Conferring with the president, the senators and Mr. Gore finally

## MEETS WITH ACCIDENT NEAR REDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson and Ernie Caster met with an accident recently near Redding, California. They had taken a new G. M. C. truck and had it loaded with household odds for a party living in Medford.

Tuesday night about 10 o'clock they met several cars which obstructed the view and the truck struck a cow, killing the cow, and overturning the truck.

Fortunately none of the occupants were injured.

## FIRE TRUCK TO TOLO BLAZE

In an effort to save Tolo from the onrushing forest fire, Earl Weaver accompanied by Everett Faber and Earl Leever drove the Central Point chemical and hose truck to Tolo Friday at 3 p. m., after State District Fire Warden Phil B. Lowd, who was at the scene of the fire, called to Central Point for the fire truck.

Tolo was aflame when the truck arrived. As the blaze was beyond control and the warden realized Central Point was without fire protection, he sent the truck back to Central Point.

## LEAVES FOR CANADA

Mrs. Dacey Stidham of Central Point and her son John Stidham, of Grants Pass, left Tuesday evening for Soda Creek, B. C.

They expect to remain several months as Mrs. Stidham has property there and her daughter Mrs. J. Purkepile also has her home in that section. Mrs. Purkepile will be remembered here as Miss Stidham, a former teacher in this county.

## LEAVE FOR MINNESOTA

Mrs. E. H. Pomeroy and little son have left this week for Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a visit with Mrs. Pomeroy's parents.

Mrs. Pomeroy was accompanied by Mrs. Willamina Collier and baby, who will also visit in that section.

Mrs. Collier is a daughter of the late Mrs. Wm. Barnes Smith.

Miss Ethelyn Scott, after spending a week with home folks, returned to Medford Monday evening where she will spend some time visiting her aunt, Mrs. Will Hansen.

Miss Vesta Davis of Myrtle Point, a student of the University of Oregon, who is visiting here, and Mervin C. Gleason motored to Crater and Diamond lakes Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Hoagland, formerly of this city but now of Shasta City, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gleason.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leever and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hagadorn spent Sunday afternoon picnicing on the banks of the Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemma Finley left Wednesday morning for Lewiston, Idaho, where they will have a three weeks' vacation.

secured approval. After the session of congress the Oregon delegation and Mr. Gore met various department heads involved in the carrying out of the bill and the auditing of the claims, remaining until all details had been arranged. Mr. Gore did this work without compensation, his expenses being paid by the counties.

Details of his experiences were related and sidelights in the character of congress and methods of transacting business was given. Discussion of the possibility of Senator C. L. McNary, of Oregon, as a vice-presidential nominee for the Republican ticket is heard in Washington, the speaker declared. He believes that McNary will be a favorite. Strength of the entire Oregon delegation is apparent, he asserted, and these members of congress wield great influence there.

Representatives from various Southern Oregon cities were present at the meeting which was held in the Caves Grotto of the Redwoods hotel.

## HEARING VOTES DOWN DIAMOND L. INCLUSION

Diamond Lake will not be included within Crater Lake National Park. By unanimous decision last Friday night, members of the president's coordinating commission voted against inclusion, at a hearing held in the federal court room at Medford. The five members of the commission, including Stephen T. Mather, director of the national park service, had been so thoroughly impressed by the arguments presented that it took only a short time to arrive at their conclusions.

Consideration of an adjustment of boundaries of the Crater park is still to be taken up but this will not affect, in any way, the standing of Diamond Lake, now administered by the forest service. State Game Warden E. F. Averill, in the city today on his return to Portland, asserted that this brings to a definite end all agitation to make the Diamond lake resort a part of a national park.

In addition, the commission will ask the secretary of agriculture to issue a proclamation setting aside Diamond Lake, definitely and permanently for recreational uses only. This will mean, according to Game Warden Averill, that the lake can never be used for power or irrigation purposes.

At the meeting last night, the federal court room was filled to capacity everyone there opposing the inclusion. After last night's session, the members of the commission split, some going north and the others south. Those in the body were Stephen T. Mather, director of national park service; Congressman Temple, of Pennsylvania; Barrington Moore, of New York, president of the Boone and Crockett Club; Duncan McDuffey of San Francisco; president of the Sierra Club; Col. W. B. Greeley, chief forester of the United States. Arthur Ringland, secretary to the commission and executive secretary of the president's conference on outdoor recreation, was also present.

Almost unanimous sentiment against inclusion of Diamond Lake in the Crater National Park was voiced at the hearing at the Diamond Lake lodge Thursday night before the commission. Grants Pass was represented at the meeting by O. S. Blanchard and A. C. Hough, both of whom spoke against the proposed action. A similar meeting was held last night at Medford.

Colonel C. G. Thompson, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, and Stephen Mather, director of national parks, spoke for inclusion. It was Jay H. Upton who injected a "state rights" issue into the controversy when he said: "I think the promises held out are too indefinite. The people of Oregon feel that they have a right to retain this asset. The fight to have the federal government to recede this area to the state is on, and is going to continue."

The proponents of the inclusion advised the commission that Diamond Lake was wanted because there was not sufficient camp ground for tourists at Crater Lake. This was the only reason given at the meeting for the inclusion, and seemed to be conclusively and satisfactorily answered by the opponents, who stated that tourists could come to Diamond Lake now and camp as well as they could if Diamond Lake was included in the National Park. The sentiment of everyone present, except Colonel Thompson, representing the Crater Lake National park, was unanimous for keeping Diamond Lake out of the park. It developed during the arguments, that Diamond lake is the largest rainbow trout egg taking station in the world, maintained there by the State of Oregon, but it could not operate there if the lake was taken into the park. The national park does not charge for fishing licenses, and in time the lake would be depleted of fish. Other things, such as grazing and taking out of several billion feet of timber

## FEDERATED CHURCH BUILDING TO BE REDECORATED

The Federated church will be thoroughly renovated next week in all the upper departments. The basement will come in for its part later in the season. The plaster will be repaired and retinted with all the cracks filled. As this will be the first time that any repair work has been done since the building was erected, it is expected that there will be a great improvement in the appearance. Messrs. West and Hall of Medford have the contract. A free will offering will be taken at the church on next Sunday morning to meet the expense of the improvement.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Arnold Bohnert served a buffet dinner, Monday evening at their home, in honor of Mr. Bohnert's birthday. Games were enjoyed by the ladies, while the men had several lively games of croquet. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jennings, Misses Oletha Currier and Myrtle Frye, Messrs. Neil Newland, Marmie Olson and Charles Smith all of Medford, also the Misses Emma and Louise Bohnert.

Rev. J. M. Johnson will assist Rev. D. D. Randall in a group meeting in the Missouri Flat district in the Applegate country next Sunday afternoon. The Sunday school missionary is doing much good in the outlying, otherwise neglected places, in giving the gospel message to them. Rev. Johnson has preached in thirteen outside places since he came to Central Point a little more than a year ago. He and Mr. Randall are friends of many years and they work together like a well-broken team. Rev. Johnson's theme will be an outline of the book of the Revelation.

Guy Tex has had as a guest this week an old time friend, Joseph R. Toon, of Indianapolis, Indiana. He and Guy in childhood visited the same swimmin' hole and enjoyed other pranks of a like nature. Mr. Toon has bone to Lebanon, Oregon, where he will join his wife for their return trip.

Our good friend Frank Zuccala, left a sack of very fine pears on our desk this morning. Thanks, awfully, Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scott and daughters Elizabeth and Ethelyn, also little Bobbie Wilcox, called at the Bush home in the Willow Springs district Sunday afternoon to see the deer. Mr. Bush has thirteen deer, from a very small fawn to a large buck, weighing over three hundred pounds. Each one is named and when called come to be petted and fed. It is well worth the while to make a trip out there to see these beautiful pets.

through the Diamond Lake pass, and improvements upon the termination of the present leases were important matters to be considered. It was developed also, that a man could get accommodations at Diamond Lake at reasonable prices, or he could camp out on a beautiful beach line approximately five miles long, or he could lease a lot and build a home on the other side. It was considered that Diamond Lake was the poor man's opportunity to enjoy himself without being wound up in red tape. It appeared also that if it were taken into the park an entrance fee would be required of every one who entered.

O. S. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, led the opposition to the inclusion of the lake into the national park system. Other speakers were W. C. Marsters, of Roseburg; Guy Cordon, of Roseburg; J. Upon, of Bend; J. A. Perry, of Medford; Dr. Seeley, of Roseburg; Mr. Kirkwood, of Portland; A. C. Hough, of Grants Pass; Mr. Averill of the fish commission, and many others.

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce was host at the lodge, and upon invitation there were present representatives of the state cattle men's association, state sheep men's association, state wool growers' association, state anglers' association, representatives of Chambers of Commerce from all parts of the state of Oregon, as well as the officials of the state fish and game commission.—Grants Pass Courier.

## PEAR PRICE PROSPECTS ARE MUCH BETTER

Rogue River Bartletts, sold this week on the Chicago and New York auction market, netted to the growers between \$1.15 and \$1.25 per box, according to information received from Medford fruit consignment firms.

Although cash offers on late pears, Bosc, D'anjou and Comice, are low, shippers expect a high market price.

The trouble concerning the arsenate of lead poisoning on the pears is blamed for the low cash offers, but shippers expect the scare to end soon.

The price of packing the pears has been raised about five cents per box due to the necessity of wiping but other than that no great expense has been placed upon the grower by the arsenate poisoning situation.

Bartlett pears will be practically all packed this week, and by the last of next week the picking of late pears will be well under way. A heavy crop of Bosc and D'Anjous is expected.

The size of late pears has not been greatly affected by the dry season, even on unirrigated orchards, according to local orchardists.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett were pleasantly surprised last Thursday by the arrival from northern Oregon of a niece who came for a visit of a few days. She was with her husband and the couple were recently married and included on their honeymoon a trip to Crater Lake. Their names were unable to get as the telephone was not functioning properly.

Miss Jessie Hutt, who has been in the home of Mrs. B. A. Atkinson here for several years, is planning to leave very soon for her home in Canada. She will assist her mother and brothers in ranch work. Miss Hutt is a highly respected young lady and will be missed here among the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Day, following a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones left for their home in Dunsmuir, California, Wednesday. Mr. Day, car foreman for the Southern Pacific company, and Mrs. Day have visited Klamath Falls, Portland and in many other Oregon cities while here.

Everett Faber, one of Central Point's well known merchants, was in the city Wednesday attending to various business affairs. He reports that the new high school of that city is well on the road to completion and will be ready for occupancy when the school term commences in September.—Mail Tribune.

The young people of the Union church enjoyed an outdoor service and social on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson last Thursday evening. They were privileged to have as out of town guests and speakers Mr. and Mrs. Randall, also Rev. Iverson, of Medford, and Miss Mable Mickey, of Portland.

The "Boosters" are holding their weekly meetings on Monday afternoon in the City Park. They are being well cared for by Mrs. Lewis Grimes, who gives them lessons in right living and conducts their singing.

Miss Mabel Mickey left Monday morning for her home in Portland. She, like the rest of visitors in Southern Oregon, was much pleased with its appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Cochran, returned this week from a visit of several weeks with their son Lawrence Cochran, and family of Ventura, California. They also visited other points in that state.

Miss Gladys Bond, now of Medford, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson and was a guest of Wilma Sheley on Sunday.