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SPRINGFIELD AND THE TOURIST TRAVEL.

That the northwest country, and especially Oregon, will see the greatest influx of tourists next year yet experienced was the information given out by tourist agents who attended the state meeting of commercial club secretaries held recently at Salem. Information regarding points of interest throughout the state have been placed in the hands of people all over the United States through the tourist companies, and now the agencies are asking the people of the state to make ready for the great tourist travel which they claim will begin soon as the weather conditions are agreeable in the spring. It is said by those who heard the agents of the tourist companies that they actually begged the secretaries to do all in their power to make ready for the tourists.

It should be realized that many of these tourists either remain in the west or return to their homes in the east, middle west, or from whence they may have come, only to return to make their homes in the west. They become boosters for all the good things they find here, the hospitality, the climate, the opportunities in the farming and industrial lines. They tell of what they saw and others come to see. This is no dream. We know from personal experience how it works out.

Wherever they find good roads, convenient and beautiful camping places along the way-side, hospitality that makes them feel as if they would like to live among such people, they are certain to become enthusiastic boosters for that section of the country.

During the past year the writer has had occasion to drive over many miles of road in Oregon and Washington, and well do we remember the "good" places and the "bad" places. Paved roads are not everything. There are miles and miles of macadam, gravel and even dirt road in Oregon on which as good time can be

made as on pavement. But the grading has been well done, there were practically no ruts. We have in mind one section of graveled road on which regular work was done. Material was near at hand at all times and soon as a rut began to appear it was repaired. The road was kept in good condition all the time much as a railroad keeps up its tracks. This district had found that to be far the cheaper and better method in caring for their roads. One county in Washington is especially noted for its signs. One could tell at a glance the distances and directions to towns; where there was a choice of roads, it was briefly explained, and detours were carefully posted.

Springfield has good roads. Care should be taken that they are kept in first class condition. It is a saving in the long run. But signs are needed in many places.

Free camping grounds are greatly appreciated by the tourist.

Springfield has a small camping ground within its limits, which can be made very attractive. Wood is plentiful here and small piles could be made ready for use by the tourist. An old stove or two to cook on could be set up and a safe place arranged for an open fire where our visitors might like to sit around in the evening. These are small matters in themselves but much appreciated by the tourist—favors that will make Springfield a bright spot in the memories of tourists for many years after their visit here.

There are several other good camping spots near here which ought to have the attention of the Springfield people, both for the value to the tourist and to ourselves. The picnic grounds at Seavey's ferry and the grove at Coburg bridge are rare beauty spots—places that have a reputation of being as beautiful as any in Oregon. Two other valuable and beautiful picnic grounds are Deadman's ferry, about three miles north of Springfield, and Hayden's bridge grounds three miles up the McKenzie river.

The beauty, convenience and comfort of these grounds as places of pleasure for the general public, are now in danger of being destroyed by commercial and farming interests. The magnificent old trees there are to be cut up into lumber and wood and the ground will be farmed, unless some action is taken at once to preserve these places for the use of the public and the tourist travel. We believe this matter should not be neglected as it means much for the future of this community and the state at large.

It is well known that the McKenzie river country is a famed and favorite mecca for the tourist, fisher and hunter, from all over the northwest and now it is becoming known all over the states. Travelers from all parts of Oregon and Washington pass through here, going over the Cascades into the interior, or coming from the east to the west. We remember of seeing the two automobiles which made the first coast to coast journey nearly twenty years ago. They came over the Cascades and down the McKenzie passing to the north of Springfield. Their followers are rapidly increasing, the difference being that the main route now lies through Springfield.

Springfield has a marvellous opportunity to place itself on the map in the matter of caring

for tourists. And it need not take a great amount of money to do these things. The right sort of work and influence is all that is necessary.

BERRIES MAKE IT POSSIBLE

The berry industry has already started the wheels turning in the matter of using logged off lands. Organizations are already being formed to enable growers to get on this cheap land.

It will soon be a common sight to see a settler on ten acres of stump land with his logberries planted among the stumps as he clears the land. Over the largest stumps he can run evergreen blackberries while in a corner of the stump land he can have a chicken yard.

This is no dream picture, it is actually happening in numerous localities and berries have made it possible for the man of small means to actually get a start and make himself independent by his own labor.

AMERICANISM THE ONLY "FORM"

In making a plea for early ratification of the peace treaty it is resubmitted to the Senate Senator Phelan of California is telling the people that "The voting showed 80 of the 96 senators are for a treaty in some form." Mr. Phelan and other administration supporters who have made similar statements seem to believe that is an argument for ratification of the present treaty. He might as truthfully have said that 96 senators are for a treaty "in some form." The whole controversy has raged about the form, and the Republicans continue firm in their resolve that whatever form may be adapted eventually it shall embody the principles of Americanism set forth in their reservations.

THINK IT OVER.

Oregon initiators of fresh laws are out to take the prize with a measure to be put on the ballot at coming election to amend the constitution so as to limit the rate of interest on open accounts to 4 per cent and contract rate to 5 per cent.

An eastern Oregon stockman recently said to his banker, "We will fix you fellows at the next election so we will get money cheaper."

"You owe some \$20,000 at this bank do you not?" said the banker.

"Yes, I do," said the stockman.

"Well, said the banker, "if by any chance such a fool law as this should pass, you would get notice in the next mail to pay up your loan. The money which you are using is loaned to you by our bank for assistance, as you know you will a small bank like ours could not loan you \$20,000. If this bill passes no person would loan money in Oregon any more than you would sell cattle here if a law were passed limiting the price you could sell for in this state to one half or two-thirds what you could get outside the state. It would be the same with all industry. Nobody would loan money at 4 and 5 per cent in Oregon. The borrower is the man who would suffer for the loaning money could lead elsewhere while the borrower in Oregon would be without funds."

"Think it over."

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of William B. Wooten, deceased, has rendered and filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, his final account and that Saturday, December the 26th, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the County Court room of said Court has been fixed and appointed by said Court as the day, time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. All objections must be in writing and filed with the clerk of said Court on or before said day and time.

—WILLIAM WOOTEN, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of William B. Wooten, deceased.

Frank A. DePue, Attorney for the Estate.

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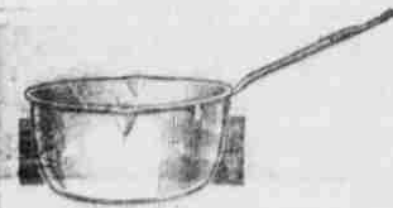
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