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METHODIST CAMP GROUND PROJECT

Eugene and Springfield Both
Pushing Site Near
Springfield

According to previous announcement, a meeting was held at the Methodist church last Thursday evening, to take such steps as might seem best with reference to establishing a permanent ground for an annual camp meeting, which should be as accessible as possible to all parts of the Oregon conference and be recognized as a conference camp meeting. At the camp meeting lately held at Cottage Grove, a commission was appointed to look into all matters connected with the project, and report to the annual conference, to meet at Forest Grove October 5, as to available sites, conditions and any action thought desirable. The commission consisted of Bishop W. O. Shepard, presiding over this area; the superintendents of the three districts of the conference; and one pastor and one layman from each district. The members from this, the Southern district, are Rev. D. H. Leech, of Eugene; and Dr. W. H. Pollard, of this city.

Two sites have been proposed, both in the northern part of the Southern district, but both near the center of the conference. One is at Cottage Grove, the other is a tract lying around and beyond the home of Neil Signor, and fronting on the Pacific highway. It has been known for years as the Peterson tract, but is now owned and occupied by J. B. Parker. Dr. Danford, who has had the establishment of such a camp meeting on his heart ever since he was here in the pastorate, had secured an option on this tract of 17 acres, or a segregated portion of about 14 acres of it at a price of \$250 per acre, \$500 down and the balance on terms.

At the meeting Thursday night, a local committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Pollard, R. W. Smith, J. E. Torbet, Dr. Emery and W. G. Hughes, whose duty it should be to look into and stimulate action concerning all matters connected with the selection of the Parker site. This site will be looked upon as a home site by both Eugene and Springfield, and a close cooperation between the churches and the people of the two towns is expected. The Eugene Methodist church has already appointed a committee similar to the one appointed here.

An address to the business men and citizens generally of the two towns has been prepared and will be presented by these committees. The people of a town where such a meeting has been established and maintained for a number of years have almost universally recognized it as a valuable asset to the religious, moral, educational, social and economic life of the community. The people of Cottage Grove, after having one session of the camp meeting there, are making strenuous effort to secure the permanent location. The grounds after being once fitted up, could be used for other summer gatherings of a character consistent with the purpose of their establishment.

BOY'S CHORUS TO SING AT FAIR GROUNDS OCTOBER 2

Sunday afternoon October 2, the Whitney Boys Chorus will give a big concert in the state fair grounds at Salem. The grandstand will be used for the auditorium. In front of the grandstand will be erected a raised platform capable of holding the entire chorus.

Last June 700 members of this chorus gave a concert in the Portland Municipal auditorium to a packed house. The Oregonian said it was one of "the most remarkable and thrilling concerts ever given in Portland."

The entire chorus will be present and render the best program this famous chorus have ever produced.

Call Springfield Taxi, phone 2, when you want real service.

ARE YOU LUCKY?

The Bell Theatre, in combination with these four stores: Eggiman's, Kotel's, Gray's Cash & Carry and Green's Community Cash store is offering a prize, to be competed for by every reader of this paper. In the ad of each of these Louses, each week, will appear one misspelled word. Get the paper as soon as you can; hunt out, each either or all the errors and present the correction at the store Friday morning. One ticket will be given to the person first presenting each correction. The tickets on Kotel's and Gray's ads will be good only for Wednesday night following publication. Those on Eggiman's and Green's for Saturday night following. Look sharp. Act quickly.

FOREST FIRES HAVE DECREASED IN NUMBER

Reports just received at District Forester Geo. H. Ceell's offices from the 22 national forests in Oregon and Washington show that the number of forest fires reported to date has been smaller than a year ago and that the number of large fires has been greatly reduced.

The figures just compiled show that since July 1, there have been 769 forest fires reported on the national forests of Oregon and Washington, as compared to 930 a year ago at this date. A total of 15,182 acres has been burned over to September 1.

The forest service divides forest into three classes, according to the acreage burned over by each fire. Class A fires covering not over one-quarter acre, class B covering over one-quarter of an acre and not over 10 acres, and class C fires covering over 10 acres. The 1920 report for the period from July 1 to September 1, showed 551 class A fires, 239 class B fires and 149 class C, a total of 939 fires inside the national forests. The figures, for this same period, give 540 class A, 179 class B and 50 class C, or 161 less fires than for 1920.

The dangerous fire season it not over yet by any means, the district forester said, and forest officers are still urging hunters, campers and other users of the forests to use the greatest possible care to see that they leave no unextinguished fires in the woods.

"The most encouraging result," District Forester Ceell, "of 1921 figures, is that the number of class C fires covering over 10 acres, has been cut from 149 in 1920 to 50 for 1921, also the fine record being made on most of the forests. For example, Ranger E. C. Peachey of the Dead Indian district on the Crater forest had nine fires to September 1, but the total area burned over by these nine fires was only one-half acre. Another encouraging feature to me is the fine cooperation being given the federal forest officers by county peace officers in enforcing the state laws against leaving camp fires unextinguished. The Oregon forest leads so far with 19 convictions secured out of a total of 33 fires reported, with the Wenatchee forest second with 15 convictions." In 1920, from July 1 to Sept. 1, there were 42 convictions while this year, for the same two-month period, 83 convictions have been secured, with a large number of pending fire trespass cases yet to be tried.

Forest officers attribute this improvement in record largely to the fact that rangers and guards are reporting discoveries better and getting to fires quicker than ever before. Mountain lookout stations have also been better equipped this year with fire-finding instruments and telephone lines, so that quicker action is being secured, and to the fact that justices of the peace of both states are cooperating with field officers in strictly enforcing the state laws against carelessness with fire in the forest.

Forest officers say that the airplanes furnished and piloted by men from the 91st Aero Squadron have been of very material assistance in Oregon and on the Olympic peninsula in spotting fires quickly, in spite of the fact that due to a shortage of gas the forest patrol was shut down for several weeks in the height of the season.

The reports from the field indicate

NOTES FROM THE AUTO CAMP GROUND

Monday night, two young couples from the city of Olympia, Washington, traveling in one car, camped on the ground. The older of the two young men, after discussing the Pacific highway awhile, and inquiring about the way ahead spoke of having started out to see California. The News visitor asked if he were going clear through the state. He declared he was not going to stop until he had washed his feet in the Rio Grande river. The visitor suggested that the state laws for the protection of the fish might not allow it. They were on the second day of their journey, and they expected to be out about six weeks.

A family party who stopped earlier were on their way from Austin Minnesota to Long Beach, California, where they expected to locate.

SCHOOL NOTICE

As was elsewhere announced, the Springfield schools will open Thursday, September 29, at 9 a. m.

All grade pupils should report at the Lincoln school.

Prof. Roth will be at the Lincoln school every afternoon starting Sept. 9th for the purpose of registering students for either school.

A class for beginners will be organized at the Lincoln school by Mrs. Page. All those who are six years of age, or who will be six by the first of November, are eligible, to enter, and should do so the first day of the term if possible.

F. M. ROTH, Supt.

COARSE WOOL PRICES LOOKING BETTER

The Oregon Wool and Mohair Growers' Cooperative association is an organization whose name describes its character. It now numbers nearly 1800 members. Its officers are: F. W. Herrin, Ashland, president; C. L. Backley, Dixonville vice-president; J. B. Cornett, Shedd, secretary-treasurer; R. A. Ward, Portland, general manager. The board of directors includes J. R. Coleman, Coburg, and E. A. McCormack, Eugene. About 70 per cent of the wool and mohair of Western Oregon will this year be marketed through this organization.

By the courtesy of Mr. Coleman, we are permitted to publish the following encouraging report from Mr. Ward of a recent important sale of coarse wool:

"The Oregon Wool and Mohair Growers Cooperative association in early August sold a carload of coarse low quarter blood wool direct to mills at 18 cents a pound. Quotations on low quarter blood wools in Oregon have been at ten cents per pound and no offers have been made. There are exceptionally large stocks of low quarter and braid wools on hand in the United States, due to the demand for finer clothing wools, and this sale is the first recorded in wool trade circles of these grades either in the west or in Boston. Boston quotations for the same grade are around sixteen cents a pound."

ROBERT KIZER INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Kizer received word, several days ago, from their son Robert, who is in the United States marine service, and has been stationed at Mare Island, saying that he had been injured in climbing over a wall at drill, and would have to submit to an operation. He spoke of the injury and the operation as not being serious. Up to yesterday morning his parents had heard nothing further from him, and were beginning to feel anxious. Robert's command was just on the point of starting for the West Indies, and he will be left behind, at least for the present.

that west of the Cascades in Washington the fire danger is greatly lessened, with conditions still dangerous east of the mountains. In Oregon the conditions on the west side of the Cascades are still dangerous, made more so, forest officers state, by the earlier date of opening of the deer season this year, while in eastern Oregon the woods are very dry and the peak of the fire season is yet to come.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

A summary of financial and industrial reports of the last two weeks reveals a tone of optimism which has not expressed itself for the past year. The general opinion seems to be that the bottom has been reached and that while business revival may be slow it has started on the upgrade. Operating industries and payrolls are the secret of prosperity.

Astoria.—Newtonia Canning Co. is installing new closing machines. They started operations Sept. 1.

Tillamook County Box Co. incorporates with \$40,000 capital; headquarters at Twin Rocks.

Hood River valley's apple crop is placed at approximately 1,600,000 boxes.

Astoria.—Columbia Fruit Cannery starts operations Sept. 6.

Portland.—Lower prices on highway construction and lower prices on bonds shown by recent bids.

Brownsville.—Work of installing new water mains completed. Paving will be finished soon.

Wheeler.—Haak Bros. begin logging at Shark and are shipping. Wheeler United mill resumes sawing.

Redport.—Winchester Bay Lumber company preparing for heavy work during the winter. Company has purchased two large barges for cheap transportation.

Stanfield.—Oil company may start drilling here within 30 days.

Oregon's share of the recent federal aid road bill will be \$2,250,000 in the next two years.

St. Helens.—Eccles company sells timber tract to the Central Coal Co. for \$7,000,000. Operations of logging camps to commence. 500 men to complete railroad to property.

Roseburg cannery leased; to open October 1 employing large force.

Construction work starts on Silver Lake irrigation project.

Another section of The Dalles-California road to be built between The Dalles and Dufur this fall.

Pendleton.—Ground broken for a new union high school in the East end.

Corvallis.—Paving on the south road is being rushed to completion.

Cottage Grove-Saginaw highway has opened with the paving complete.

In 1894, but 13.3 per cent of the total amount of sugar consumed here came from the continental United States, now the percentage produced here represents close to 25 per cent of the total consumption, and a further increase is not unlikely. Sugar beets have been the cause.

The tremendous hydro-electric power possibilities of the west are its greatest assurance of a wonderful industrial future.

FARM HOUSE BURNED

The home of Jesse Fischer, a farmer living on upper Camp Creek, about 12 miles from here, was entirely destroyed by fire last Friday morning with practically all the contents. The family was at a neighbors when they first saw the fire, and Mr. Fischer thought it was something else beyond his home that was burning, but started at once for the scene. The house was a good one-story bungalow. The family had left a fire burning in the cook stove; and it is supposed that the building caught fire from it.

BARN BURNED

A large barn at the home of T. W. Carney, between Thurston and Watterville, was entirely destroyed by fire Saturday evening, with nearly all the contents, including about 38 tons of hay and nearly all their chickens. Some farm animals, which were in the barn at the time, were saved. The family had gone to bed before the fire was discovered.

George W. Perkins has sold his residence, on 4th and D streets, to R. E. Mosher. He is preparing to build a bungalow on his lots on 5th and D.

The fire department was called out about 7 o'clock yesterday evening, to extinguish a fire in Stewart's smokehouse, in the rear of Thompson's blacksmith shop. The fire is supposed to have started from the remains of the smoke fire. There was no meat in the house. The whole inside was scorched and the fire was breaking through and was catching in the grass when it was put out.

NEW FACTORY TO OPEN SOON

Old Planing Mill Building to
Hum With Activity
Once More

Springfield is to have another important addition to its list of business activities in the near future. A. B. Loud, who has been doing business in Eugene under the corporate name of the Oregon Machinery company, has obtained possession of the old planing mill building by lease, with the option to purchase, and will open up a manufacturing business there soon as the preparations can be completed. Steps have been taken to incorporate the new concern.

C. W. Brooks, formerly of Seattle, who is to be the manager, with a small force of workmen commenced, the middle of last week, the work of clearing out and renovating the old building, in preparation for the installation of machinery, the heavier of which should be mostly placed this week.

The principle output of the factory at first will be portable garages. Portable houses will be taken up later, possibly not before next spring. Various other wood products, of the lighter finer kinds will be taken up along the way. The more delicate machinery, for this lighter work, may not be all in place for two or three months.

A 75-horse power steam engine and boiler, large surfacers, band saws and automatic trimmers will form parts of the plant, to be installed as soon as possible. The value of the plant with which operation are to begin is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000. A sidetrack is to be put in, and a 90-foot derrick installed north of the plant, for the unloading of cars. The plant will employ 10 or 15 men from the first, and from 35 to 50 when it is developed to its full capacity.

These people found no encouragement in the way of site and other facilities in Eugene, and so decided to come into Springfield.

This plant will run largely on short length stuff, not readily salable on the general market, and expects to deal mostly with the small mills at first. It is expected that the factory will be in operation within 30 days.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO GIVE BENEFIT SHOW

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion, Springfield Post No. 40 will give a picture show at the Bell theatre tomorrow night. The feature picture is a six reel entitled, "The Man Who Had Everything"; followed by a comedy and travelogue. The show starts at 7:30 and will be repeated at 9:00.

Sandwiches and coffee will be served free after each show to ex-service men and their relatives, in the Legion rooms in the W. O. W. hall.

The proceeds of the entertainment will go to a Thanksgiving fund for the wounded World War veterans in the Portland hospitals.

Why not do your bit to help "The Men Who Need Everything."

S. Jacobson, the Southern Pacific machinist, returned last week from attendance as a delegate upon an international labor convention at Toronto.

SCHOOLHOUSE WORK

The only delay or hindrance worth speaking of that has occurred in the work on the high school building was the mislaying in shipment of ten boxes of tin plates for the roof. But for that the roof would be done now. The plastering in the upper rooms is done. The cement sills for the windows have been put in. The water spouts at the corners have been put in place. Since the work has come to such an advanced stage, the changes from time to time are less noticeable. One of the most striking things to a visitor, when he goes on the grounds now, is the dwindling of the piles of material that used to fill so much space on the ground.