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BOAT DOCK ROAD IN SIGHT

At an enthusiastic regular meeting of the Commercial Club last Monday night a number of questions were discussed, but the most important one for Mosier at this time was the building of the road to the boat landing. The club, city and private citizens are working in conjunction with the Mosier Grange and everything looks favorable for the early building of the road.

Thru the efforts of the Grange the county court appropriated \$500 for the road, and at this week's session of the court the question was discussed of allowing \$350 additional. The City of Mosier has voted \$200, and may give more; road districts 9 and 10 will appropriate more or less, and individual subscriptions will swell the fund sufficiently to warrant the immediate beginning of the work.

W. C. Stone, superintendent of the rock crusher, has offered to build the road with the steam shovel for \$1200, a sum far below what it would cost to do it in any other way. There will be some work to be done by hand and team, but the main job will be done by steam. We may consider ourselves most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Stone and the steam shovel, and should certainly appreciate the generous offer of the Pacific Bridge Co., in doing the work for the sum mentioned. In fact, we could never raise the amount necessary to build the road by hand and team work.

When the road is finished, according to Mr. Stone's plan, it will be one of the best boat landings on the river.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SOCIAL

The Commercial Club will hold a social meeting of the members and their friends on Monday night, February 15th. These social gatherings will be held regularly on the third Monday evening of each month during the winter and spring, the idea being to create a more social atmosphere in the community, besides increasing the membership.

The club entertainment committee are making arrangements for a jolly time, with novel refreshments and a varied and interesting program. If you have a grouch, come to this meeting and get it out of your system. If you want to get better acquainted with your neighbors, come and mix with them. If you want to be identified with a bunch of people who are trying to better general conditions in Mosier and Mosier District, come and join the Commercial Club. You will be made welcome.

FROM THE ORE TO THE FRYING PAN

An instructive feature of the exhibit presented by the United States Geological Survey at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, in San Francisco, will be a practical illustration of the stuff from which not "dreams" but common things are made—the ore or other raw material as it is obtained from the earth, and maps showing where it occurs in the United States. For example, many of the familiar household articles will be there, such as an aluminum saucepan, an electric bulb filament, and a fountain-pen point, and above each of these articles will be shown the mineral from which it is made, in its various stages of development traced back to the ore, and then a map of the United States showing where these ores are to be found.

WILL DISCUSS HIGHWAY

The Dalles Chronicle says that State Highway Engineer H. L. Bowley has notified the county court that he would be present at the meeting of that body yesterday to discuss matters pertaining to building of the Columbia River highway through Wasco county.

WIPING OUT ILLITERACY

In the Fargo (N. D.) Forum, a copy of which we received last week from Mr. Arthur Kuhn, who is spending some time in the Middle West and East this winter, appeared the following article under the above caption, which is of such general interest to the reading public that we here reproduce it:

Illiteracy in the United States is doomed. Statistics compiled by the United States bureau of education for use at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, show that of children from 10 to 14 years of age there were in 1910 only 22 out of every 1,000 who could neither read nor write. In 1900 there were of the same class 42 per 1,000. If reduction in illiteracy is still proceeding at even the same rate, the illiterate children in this country between the ages of 10 and 14, inclusive, now number not more than 15 out of 1,000.

From the standpoint of proportional reduction of illiteracy, Oklahoma leads all of the states of the Union. In 1900 this state had 124 illiterate children of the ages named. In 1910 it had but 17; Delaware had 20 in 1900 and but 4 in 1910; New Hampshire reduced from 4 to 1; New Jersey from 7 to 2; Missouri from 35 to 11; Montana from 3 to 1; Oregon from 5 to 1; Vermont from 6 to 2; New Mexico from 182 to 69, and Idaho from 5 to 2.

The following states report only one child in 1,000 between the ages of 10 and 14 as illiterate: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Some of the states have reduced their illiteracy by one-half or a little more. These states are Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia. Only one state, Nevada, has lost ground since 1900. Its illiteracy was then four; in 1910 it was 5. Two states, South Dakota and Nebraska, each having a low rate of two per 1,000, report no reduction in illiteracy between 1900 and 1910.

The states having the largest proportion of illiterate children per 1,000 are Louisiana, with 115 (from 174 in 1900); South Carolina, eighty-three from 150; Alabama, seventy-seven from 157; New Mexico, sixty-nine from 182; North Carolina, sixty-eight from 167; Kentucky fifty-nine from seventy-nine; Georgia, fifty-seven from 106, and Virginia, fifty-seven from ninety-seven; Tennessee, fifty-four from 119; Florida, fifty from seventy-three; Arkansas, forty-seven from 113.

It is evident that the public schools will in a short time practically eliminate illiteracy among children. But according to bureau of education officials there are between four and five millions of adults that are illiterate and that cannot be reached by the public schools. To wipe out illiteracy in the United States one of two things must happen: Either the country must wait for the generation of present adults to die off, or by some extraordinary means reach these illiterate millions.

On the basis of these figures Dr. P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education, estimates that with an average annual expenditure of \$20,000 for ten years he could put forces to work that would, by means of night schools and other agencies, eliminate illiteracy among adults of this country. The Abercrombie illiteracy bill, H. R. 15470, now pending before congress, requires the bureau of education to undertake this work in any state upon request of the proper state authorities and makes an appropriation of \$15,000 for 1915, \$22,500 for each succeeding year until 1920; and \$17,500 for each year thereafter until 1925, at which date, it is believed illiteracy would be eliminated.

UNKNOWN MAN FOUND DEAD

Stiff and cold in death, an unknown man was found last Monday morning in the brush about a mile west of town, by C. A. Sparling, track watcher for the O-W. R. & N. Co. Mr. Sparling's curiosity was aroused by the peculiar actions of his dog, who came running back from an excursion into the woods, barking and showing symptoms of fright. On following the animal up the hill into the woods Mr. Sparling came upon the gruesome sight. He hurried to town and gave the alarm. Word was sent to the county coroner at The Dalles, who dispatched his deputy, Mr. Grover Young, to take charge of the remains, which were brought to Mosier, where an inquest was held. The coroner's jury, composed of J. W. Forbes, S. E. Francisco, G. R. Wood, J. M. Burpee, W. W. Stevenson and W. A. Husbands, after examining the body and listening to the testimony of witnesses who had visited the scene of the tragedy, rendered a verdict of death from a bullet wound, apparently self-inflicted, tho whether by accident or intention, it was impossible to determine.

The man had evidently sat down under a large fir tree with a 22 high power Savage rifle leaning against him, the muzzle pointing directly toward his forehead. Whether by design or accident, the gun was discharged, the bullet entering the head just over the left eyebrow and coming out above and behind the left ear, tearing a horrible hole in his head. When found the body lay face downward, full length on the ground. There was nothing whatever on the person whereby it could be identified. Besides the rifle and two cartridges, the only things he had on his person were a razor and a ten cent piece. He had evidently shaved a short time before his death. The man was apparently of the working class and wore a blue flannel jumper shirt, khaki trousers, well worn, brown socks and tan shoes. He had red hair, was five feet, eight and a half inches tall and his weight was about 165 pounds. Dr. Robinson, who examined the body, stated that in his opinion the man had been dead between one and two days when found.

The body was interred in the Mosier Odd Fellows cemetery at the county's expense.

If present plans do not miscarry, Oregon will in a short time be listed among the important sugar-producing states of the Union. While Eastern Oregon has been more or less active in the raising of sugar beets for a number of years, it is only recently that the movement has extended to the Willamette Valley and the counties in the south of the state. Approximately 5,000 acres have been signed up within the past few days in the vicinity of Medford and Grants Pass, an acreage sufficient to warrant the erection of a beet sugar factory. A corporation backed by Oregon, California and Utah capital has been formed to carry through the project.

A. W. MOHR'S GIFT ARRIVES

The Encyclopedia Britannica, consisting of some twenty-eight volumes, which A. W. Mohr, of The Dalles, generously donated to the Mosier library, arrived last week and will be found of great value to the public, especially to the school children.

AID SOCIETY ENTERTAINS

The chicken dinner given in Chown's Hall Wednesday evening by the Ladies' Aid Society was well patronized, although many more could have been served. The dinner was excellent in every way. We understand that the proceeds amounted to about \$24.25.

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